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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-K

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

| <u>Commission File Number</u> | <u>Registrant; State of Incorporation; Address; and Telephone Number</u> | <u>I.R.S. Employer Identification No.</u> |
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <u>Registrant</u> | <u>Title of Each Class</u> | <u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Northeast Utilities | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | New York Stock Exchange, Inc. |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

| <u>Registrant</u> | <u>Title of Each Class</u> |
|--|--|
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company | Preferred Stock, par value \$50.00 per share, issuable in series, of which the following series are outstanding: |

| | | |
|--------|----------|---------|
| \$1.90 | Series | of 1947 |
| \$2.00 | Series | of 1947 |
| \$2.04 | Series | of 1949 |
| \$2.20 | Series | of 1949 |
| 3.90% | Series | of 1949 |
| \$2.06 | Series E | of 1954 |
| \$2.09 | Series F | of 1955 |
| 4.50% | Series | of 1956 |
| 4.96% | Series | of 1958 |
| 4.50% | Series | of 1963 |
| 5.28% | Series | of 1967 |
| \$3.24 | Series G | of 1968 |
| 6.56% | Series | of 1968 |

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| NSTAR Electric Company | Preferred Stock, par value \$100.00 per share, issuable in series, of which the following series are outstanding: |
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|-------|--------|
| 4.25% | Series |
| 4.78% | Series |

NSTAR Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts Electric Company each meet the conditions set forth in General Instruction I(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-K and each is therefore filing this Form 10-K with the reduced disclosure format specified in General Instruction I(2) to Form 10-K.

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Indicate by check mark if the registrants are well-known seasoned issuers, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes

No

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Indicate by check mark if the registrants are not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes

No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes

No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web sites, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes

No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrants' knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| | Large Accelerated Filer | Accelerated Filer | Non-accelerated Filer |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Northeast Utilities | ü | | |
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company | | | ü |
| NSTAR Electric Company | | | ü |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire | | | ü |
| Western Massachusetts Electric Company | | | ü |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act):

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Northeast Utilities | | ü |
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company | | ü |
| NSTAR Electric Company | | ü |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire | | ü |
| Western Massachusetts Electric Company | | ü |

The aggregate market value of Northeast Utilities' Common Shares, \$5.00 par value, held by non-affiliates, computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of Northeast Utilities' most recently completed second fiscal quarter (June 30, 2013) was \$13,224,337,788 based on a closing sales price of \$42.02 per share for the 314,715,321 common shares outstanding on June 30, 2013.

Northeast Utilities, directly or indirectly, holds all of the 6,035,205 shares, 100 shares, 301 shares, and 434,653 shares of the outstanding common stock of The Connecticut Light and Power Company, NSTAR Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, respectively.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuers' classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <u>Company - Class of Stock</u> | <u>Outstanding as of January 31, 2013</u> |
| | 315,434,940 shares |

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Northeast Utilities

Common shares, \$5.00 par value

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

Common stock, \$10.00 par value

6,035,205 shares

NSTAR Electric Company

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

100 shares

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

Common stock, \$1.00 par value

301 shares

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

Common stock, \$25.00 par value

434,653 shares

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following is a glossary of abbreviations or acronyms that are found in this report:

CURRENT OR FORMER NU COMPANIES, SEGMENTS OR INVESTMENTS:

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| CL&P | The Connecticut Light and Power Company |
| CYAPC | Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company |
| Hopkinton | Hopkinton LNG Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Yankee Energy System, Inc. |
| HWP | HWP Company, formerly the Holyoke Water Power Company |
| MYAPC | Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company |
| NGS | Northeast Generation Services Company |
| NPT | Northern Pass Transmission LLC |
| NSTAR | Parent Company of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and other subsidiaries (prior to the merger with NU) |
| NSTAR Electric | NSTAR Electric Company |
| NSTAR Gas | NSTAR Gas Company |
| NU Enterprises | NU Enterprises, Inc., the parent company of NGS, Select Energy, Select Energy Contracting, Inc., E.S. Boulos Company and NSTAR Communications, Inc. |
| NU or the Company | Northeast Utilities and subsidiaries |
| NU parent and other companies | NU parent and other companies is comprised of NU parent, NUSCO and other subsidiaries, which primarily include NU Enterprises, HWP, RRR (a real estate subsidiary), the non-energy-related subsidiaries of Yankee (Yankee Energy Services Company and Yankee Energy Financial Services Company), and the consolidated operations of CYAPC and YAEC |
| NUSCO | Northeast Utilities Service Company |
| NUTV | NU Transmission Ventures, Inc., the parent company of NPT and Renewable Properties, Inc. |
| PSNH | Public Service Company of New Hampshire |
| Regulated companies | NU's Regulated companies, comprised of the electric distribution and transmission businesses of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO, the natural gas distribution businesses of Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, the generation activities of PSNH and WMECO, and NPT |
| RRR | The Rocky River Realty Company |
| Select Energy | Select Energy, Inc. |
| WMECO | Western Massachusetts Electric Company |
| YAEC | Yankee Atomic Electric Company |
| Yankee | Yankee Energy System, Inc. |
| Yankee Companies | CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC |
| Yankee Gas | Yankee Gas Services Company |
| REGULATORS: | |
| DEEP | Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection |
| DOE | U.S. Department of Energy |
| DOER | Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources |
| DPU | Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities |

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| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| FERC | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission |
| ISO-NE | ISO New England, Inc., the New England Independent System Operator |
| MA DEP | Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection |
| NHPUC | New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission |
| PURA | Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority |
| SEC | U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission |
| SJC | Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts |
| OTHER: | |
| AFUDC | Allowance For Funds Used During Construction |
| AOCI | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) |
| ARO | Asset Retirement Obligation |
| C&LM | Conservation and Load Management |
| CfD | Contract for Differences |
| Clean Air Project | The construction of a wet flue gas desulphurization system, known as "scrubber technology," to reduce mercury emissions of the Merrimack coal-fired generation station in Bow, New Hampshire |
| CO ₂ | Carbon dioxide |
| CPSL | Capital Projects Scheduling List |
| CTA | Competitive Transition Assessment |
| CWIP | Construction work in progress |
| EPS | Earnings Per Share |
| ERISA | Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 |
| ES | Default Energy Service |
| ESOP | Employee Stock Ownership Plan |
| ESPP | Employee Share Purchase Plan |
| FERC ALJ | FERC Administrative Law Judge |
| Fitch | Fitch Ratings |
| FMCC | Federally Mandated Congestion Charge |
| FTR | Financial Transmission Rights |
| GAAP | Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America |
| GSC | Generation Service Charge |
| GSRP | Greater Springfield Reliability Project |
| GWh | Gigawatt-Hours |
| HG&E | Holyoke Gas and Electric, a municipal department of the City of Holyoke, MA |
| HQ | Hydro-Québec, a corporation wholly owned by the Québec government, including its divisions that produce, transmit and distribute electricity in Québec, Canada |
| HVDC | High voltage direct current |
| Hydro Renewable Energy | Hydro Renewable Energy, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hydro-Québec |
| IPP | Independent Power Producers |
| ISO-NE Tariff | ISO-NE FERC Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff |
| kV | Kilovolt |
| kW | Kilowatt (equal to one thousand watts) |
| kWh | Kilowatt-Hours (the basic unit of electricity energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied for one hour) |
| LNG | Liquefied natural gas |

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| LOC | Letter of Credit |
| LRS | Supplier of last resort service |
| MGP | Manufactured Gas Plant |
| Millstone | Millstone Nuclear Generating station, made up of Millstone 1, Millstone 2, and Millstone 3. All three units were sold in March 2001. |
| MMBtu | One million British thermal units |
| Moody's | Moody's Investors Services, Inc. |
| MW | Megawatt |
| MWh | Megawatt-Hours |
| NEEWS | New England East-West Solution |
| Northern Pass | The high voltage direct current transmission line project from Canada into New Hampshire |
| NO _x | Nitrogen oxide |
| NU supplemental benefit trust | The NU Trust Under Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan |
| NU 2012 Form 10-K | The Northeast Utilities and Subsidiaries 2012 combined Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC |
| PAM | Pension and PBOP Rate Adjustment Mechanism |
| PBOP | Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension |
| PBOP Plan | Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension Plan that provides certain retiree health care benefits, primarily medical and dental, and life insurance benefits |
| PCRBs | Pollution Control Revenue Bonds |
| Pension Plan | Single uniform noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan |
| PPA | Pension Protection Act |
| RECs | Renewable Energy Certificates |
| Regulatory ROE | The average cost of capital method for calculating the return on equity related to the distribution and generation business segment excluding the wholesale transmission segment |
| ROE | Return on Equity |
| RRB | Rate Reduction Bond or Rate Reduction Certificate |
| RSUs | Restricted share units |
| S&P | Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC |
| SBC | Systems Benefits Charge |
| SCRC | Stranded Cost Recovery Charge |
| SERP | Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan |
| Settlement Agreements | The comprehensive settlement agreements reached by NU and NSTAR with the Massachusetts Attorney General and the DOER on February 15, 2012 related to the merger of NU and NSTAR (Massachusetts settlement agreements) and the comprehensive settlement agreement reached by NU and NSTAR with both the Connecticut Attorney General and the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel on March 13, 2012 related to the merger of NU and NSTAR (Connecticut settlement agreement). |
| SIP | Simplified Incentive Plan |
| SO ₂ | Sulfur dioxide |
| SS | Standard service |
| TCAM | Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism |
| TSA | Transmission Service Agreement |
| UI | The United Illuminating Company |

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES

LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "NU," "we," "our," and "us" refer to Northeast Utilities and its consolidated subsidiaries, including NSTAR and its subsidiaries for periods after April 10, 2012.

From time to time we make statements concerning our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, assumptions of future events, future financial performance or growth and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can generally identify our forward-looking statements through the use of words or phrases such as "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "project," "believe," "forecast," "should," "could," and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on the current expectations, estimates, assumptions or projections of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These expectations, estimates, assumptions or projections may vary materially from actual results. Accordingly, any such statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and are accompanied by, the following important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in our forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to:

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cyber breaches, acts of war or terrorism, or grid disturbances,

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the possibility that expected merger synergies will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period,

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actions or inaction of local, state and federal regulatory and taxing bodies,

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changes in business and economic conditions, including their impact on interest rates, bad debt expense, and demand for our products and services,

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fluctuations in weather patterns,

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changes in laws, regulations or regulatory policy,

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changes in levels or timing of capital expenditures,

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disruptions in the capital markets or other events that make our access to necessary capital more difficult or costly,

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developments in legal or public policy doctrines,

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technological developments,

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changes in accounting standards and financial reporting regulations,

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actions of rating agencies, and

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other presently unknown or unforeseen factors.

Other risk factors are detailed in our reports filed with the SEC and updated as necessary, and we encourage you to consult such disclosures.

All such factors are difficult to predict, contain uncertainties that may materially affect our actual results and are beyond our control. You should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, each speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or

statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all of such factors, nor can we assess the impact of each such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. For more information, see Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, included in this combined Annual Report on Form 10-K. This Annual Report on Form 10-K also describes material contingencies and critical accounting policies in the accompanying *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and *Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. We encourage you to review these items.

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PART I

Item 1.

Business

Please refer to the Glossary of Terms for definitions of defined terms and abbreviations used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

NU, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts and Hartford, Connecticut, is a public utility holding company subject to regulation by FERC under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005. We are engaged primarily in the energy delivery business through the following wholly owned utility subsidiaries:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), a regulated electric utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of Connecticut;

NSTAR Electric Company (NSTAR Electric), a regulated electric utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of Massachusetts;

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), a regulated electric utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of New Hampshire and owns generation assets used to serve customers;

Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO), a regulated electric utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of western Massachusetts and owns solar generating assets;

NSTAR Gas Company (NSTAR Gas), a regulated natural gas utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of Massachusetts; and

Yankee Gas Services Company (Yankee Gas), a regulated natural gas utility that serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in parts of Connecticut.

NU also owns certain unregulated businesses through its wholly owned subsidiary, NU Enterprises, which is included in its Parent and other companies' results of operations.

NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO each report their financial results separately. We also include information in this report on a segment basis for NU. NU recognizes three reportable segments, which are electric distribution, electric transmission and natural gas distribution. NU's electric distribution segment includes the generation businesses of PSNH and WMECO. These three segments represented substantially all of NU's total consolidated revenues for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO do not report separate business segments.

MERGER WITH NSTAR

On April 10, 2012, NU completed its merger with NSTAR (Merger). Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, as amended, NSTAR and its subsidiaries became wholly-owned subsidiaries of NU. NU's consolidated financial statements include the results of operations of NSTAR and its subsidiaries (NSTAR) for the period after April 10, 2012.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SEGMENT

General

NU's electric distribution segment consists of the distribution businesses of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, which are engaged in the distribution of electricity to retail customers in Connecticut, eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire and western Massachusetts, respectively, plus the regulated electric generation businesses of PSNH and WMECO.

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The following table shows the sources of 2013 electric franchise retail revenues for NU's electric distribution companies, collectively, based on categories of customers:

| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | 2013 | % of Total |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| Residential | \$ 3,073,181 | 52 |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 2,387,535 | 31 |
| Industrial | 339,917 | 16 |
| Other and Eliminations | 56,547 | 1 |
| Total Retail Electric Revenues | \$ 5,857,180 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric revenue includes Streetlighting and Railroad retail revenue.

A summary of our distribution companies' retail electric GWh sales and percentage changes for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| | 2013 | 2012⁽¹⁾ | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential | 21,896 | 21,374 | 2.4 % |
| Commercial ⁽²⁾ | 27,787 | 27,647 | 0.5 % |
| Industrial | 5,648 | 5,787 | (2.4)% |
| Total | 55,331 | 54,808 | 1.0 % |

⁽¹⁾

Results include retail electric sales of NSTAR Electric for all of 2012 for comparative purposes only.

⁽²⁾

Commercial retail electric GWh sales include Streetlighting and Railroad retail sales.

Our 2013 consolidated retail electric sales were higher, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. The 2013 retail electric sales for CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH increased while they remained unchanged for WMECO, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. In 2013, heating degree days were 17 percent higher in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 16 percent higher in the Boston metropolitan area, and 15 percent higher in New Hampshire, and cooling degree days were 7 percent lower in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 2 percent higher in the Boston metropolitan area, and 9 percent lower in New Hampshire, as compared to 2012. On a weather-normalized basis (based on 30-year average temperatures), 2013 retail electric sales for CL&P and PSNH increased, while they decreased for NSTAR Electric and WMECO, as compared to 2012. The 2013 weather-normalized NU consolidated total retail electric sales remained relatively unchanged, as compared to 2012.

For WMECO, fluctuations in retail electric sales do not impact earnings due to the DPU-approved revenue decoupling mechanism. Under this decoupling mechanism, WMECO has an overall fixed annual level of distribution delivery service revenues of \$132.4 million, comprised of customer base rate revenues of \$125.4 million and a baseline low income discount recovery of \$7 million. These two mechanisms effectively break the relationship between sales volume and revenues recognized.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CONNECTICUT

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

CL&P's distribution business consists primarily of the purchase, delivery and sale of electricity to its residential, commercial and industrial customers. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P furnished retail franchise electric service to approximately 1.2 million customers in 149 cities and towns in Connecticut, covering an area of 4,400 square miles. CL&P does not own any electric generation facilities.

The following table shows the sources of CL&P's 2013 electric franchise retail revenues based on categories of customers:

| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | CL&P | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | % of Total |
| Residential | \$ 1,294,160 | 58 |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 780,585 | 35 |
| Industrial | 129,557 | 6 |
| Other | 18,671 | 1 |
| Total Retail Electric Revenues | \$ 2,222,973 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric revenue includes Streetlighting and Railroad retail revenue.

A summary of CL&P's retail electric GWh sales and percentage changes for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Residential | 10,314 | 9,978 | 3.4 % |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 9,770 | 9,705 | 0.7 % |
| Industrial | 2,320 | 2,426 | (4.4)% |
| Total | 22,404 | 22,109 | 1.3 % |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric GWh sales include Streetlighting and Railroad retail sales.

Rates

CL&P is subject to regulation by PURA, which, among other things, has jurisdiction over rates, accounting procedures, certain dispositions of property and plant, mergers and consolidations, issuances of long-term securities, standards of service and construction and operation of facilities. CL&P's present general rate structure consists of various rate and service classifications covering residential, commercial and industrial services. CL&P's retail rates include a delivery service component, which includes distribution, transmission, conservation, renewables, CTA, SBC and other charges that are assessed on all customers. Connecticut utilities are entitled under state law to charge rates that are sufficient to allow them an opportunity to recover their reasonable operation and capital costs, to attract needed capital and maintain their financial integrity, while also protecting relevant public interests.

Under Connecticut law, all of CL&P's customers are entitled to choose their energy suppliers, while CL&P remains their electric distribution company. For those customers who do not choose a competitive energy supplier, under SS rates for customers with less than 500 kilowatts of demand, and LRS rates for customers with 500 kilowatts or more of demand, CL&P purchases power under standard offer contracts and passes the cost of the power to customers through a combined GSC and FMCC charge on customers' bills.

CL&P continues to supply approximately 56 percent of its customer load at SS or LRS rates while the other 44 percent of its customer load has migrated to competitive energy suppliers. Because this customer migration is only for energy supply service, it has no impact on CL&P's delivery business or its operating income.

The rates established by the PURA for CL&P are comprised of the following:

An electric generation services charge, which recovers energy-related costs incurred as a result of providing electric generation service supply to all customers that have not migrated to competitive energy suppliers. This charge is adjusted periodically and reconciled semi-annually in accordance with the directives of PURA.

A distribution charge, which includes a fixed customer charge and a demand and/or energy charge to collect the costs of building and expanding the infrastructure to deliver power to its destination, as well as ongoing operating costs to maintain such infrastructure.

A federally-mandated congestion charge, or FMCC, which recovers any costs imposed by the FERC as part of the New England Standard Market Design, including locational marginal pricing, locational installed capacity payments, and any costs approved by PURA to reduce these charges. This charge also recovers costs associated with CL&P's system resiliency program. This charge is adjusted periodically and reconciled semi-annually in accordance with the directives of PURA.

A transmission charge that recovers the cost of transporting electricity over high voltage lines from generating plants to substations, including costs allocated by ISO-NE to maintain the wholesale electric market.

A competitive transition charge, assessed to recover stranded costs associated with electric industry restructuring such as various IPP contracts. This charge is reconciled annually to actual costs incurred and reviewed by PURA, with any difference refunded to, or recovered from, customers.

A system benefits charge established to fund expenses associated with: various hardship and low income programs; a program to compensate municipalities for losses in property tax revenue due to decreases in the value of electric generating facilities resulting directly from electric industry restructuring; and unfunded storage and disposal costs for spent nuclear fuel generated before 1983. This charge is reconciled annually to actual costs incurred and reviewed by PURA, with any difference refunded to, or recovered from, customers.

A Renewable Energy Investment Fund charge, which is used to promote investment in renewable energy sources. Funds collected by this charge are deposited into the Renewable Energy Investment Fund and administered by Connecticut Innovations. The Renewable Energy Investment Fund charge is set by statute and is currently 0.1 cent per kWh.

A conservation charge, comprised of a statutory rate established to implement cost-effective energy conservation programs and market transformation initiatives, plus a conservation adjustment mechanism charge to recover the residual energy efficiency spending associated with the expanded energy efficiency costs directed by the Comprehensive Energy Strategy Plan for Connecticut.

Expense/revenue reconciliation amounts for the electric generation services charge and the FMCC are recovered in subsequent rates.

CL&P, jointly with UI, has entered into four CfDs for a total of approximately 787 MW of capacity consisting of three electric generation units and one demand response project. The capacity CfDs extend through 2026 and obligate the utilities to pay the difference between a set price and the value that the generation units receive in the ISO-NE markets. The contracts have terms of up to 15 years beginning in 2009 and are subject to a sharing agreement with UI, whereby UI will have a 20 percent share of the costs and benefits of these contracts. CL&P's portion of the costs and benefits of these contracts will be paid by or refunded to CL&P's customers through the FMCC charge. The amounts of these payments are subject to changes in capacity and forward reserve prices that the projects receive in the ISO-NE capacity markets.

In 2008, CL&P entered into three CfDs with developers of peaking generation units approved by the PURA (Peaker CfDs). These units have a total of approximately 500 MW of peaking capacity. As directed by the PURA, CL&P and UI have entered into a sharing agreement, whereby CL&P is responsible for 80 percent and UI for 20 percent of the net costs or benefits of these CfDs. The Peaker CfDs pay the developer the difference between capacity, forward reserve and energy market revenues and a cost-of service payment stream for 30 years. The ultimate cost or benefit to CL&P under these contracts will depend on the costs of plant operation and the prices that the projects receive for capacity and other products in the ISO-NE markets. CL&P's portion of the amounts paid or received under the Peaker CfDs will be recoverable from or refunded to CL&P's customers.

On June 30, 2010, PURA issued a final order in CL&P's most recent retail distribution rate case approving distribution rates and establishing CL&P's authorized distribution regulatory ROE at 9.4 percent.

On March 13, 2012, NU and NSTAR reached a comprehensive settlement agreement with the Connecticut Attorney General and the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel related to the merger. The settlement agreement covered a variety of matters, including a CL&P base distribution rate freeze until December 1, 2014.

On September 19, 2013, CL&P, along with another Connecticut utility, signed long-term commitments, as required by regulation, to purchase approximately 250 MW of wind power from a Maine wind farm and 20 MW of solar power from sites in Connecticut, at a combined average price of less than \$0.08 per kWh. On October 23, 2013, PURA issued a final decision accepting the contracts. The two projects are expected to be operational by the end of 2016.

Sources and Availability of Electric Power Supply

As noted above, CL&P does not own any generation assets and purchases energy to serve its SS and LRS loads from a variety of competitive sources through periodic requests for proposals. CL&P enters into supply contracts for SS periodically for periods of up to one year for its residential and small and medium load commercial and industrial customers. CL&P enters into supply contracts for LRS for larger commercial and industrial customers every three months. Currently, CL&P has contracts in place with various wholesale suppliers for firm requirements service for 70 percent of its SS loads for the first half of 2014, and has energy contracts in place to self-supply the remaining 30 percent for the first half of 2014. For the second half of 2014, CL&P has 50 percent of its SS load under contract with various wholesale suppliers for firm requirements service and energy contracts in place to self-supply 10 percent. CL&P intends to purchase 20 to 30 percent of the SS load for the second half of 2014 from wholesale suppliers for firm requirements service and will self-supply the remainder needed. None of the SS load for 2015 has been procured. CL&P has contracts in place for its LRS loads through the second quarter of 2014, and CL&P intends to purchase 100 percent of the LRS load for the third and fourth quarter of 2014 from wholesale suppliers for firm requirements service.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION MASSACHUSETTS

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

The electric distribution businesses of NSTAR Electric and WMECO consist primarily of the purchase, delivery and sale of electricity to residential, commercial and industrial customers within their respective franchise service territories. As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric furnished retail franchise electric service to approximately 1.2 million customers in Boston and 80 surrounding cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, covering an area of 1,702 square miles. WMECO provides retail franchise electric service to approximately 207,000 retail customers in 59 cities and towns in the western region of Massachusetts, covering an area of 1,500 square miles. Neither NSTAR Electric nor WMECO owns any fossil or hydro-electric generating facilities, and each purchases its respective energy requirements from third party suppliers.

In 2009, WMECO was authorized by the DPU to install 6 MW of solar energy generation in its service territory. In October 2010, WMECO completed development of a 1.8 MW solar generation facility on a site in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and in December 2011 completed development of a 2.3 MW solar generation facility in Springfield, Massachusetts. On September 4, 2013, the DPU approved WMECO's proposal to build a third solar generation facility and expand its solar energy portfolio from 6 MW to 8 MW. On October 22, 2013, WMECO announced it would install a 3.9 MW solar generation facility on a site in East Springfield, Massachusetts. The facility is expected to be completed in mid-2014 with an estimated cost of approximately \$15 million. WMECO will sell all energy and other products from its solar generation facilities into the ISO-NE market. NSTAR Electric does not own any solar generating facilities, but agreed to enter into long-term contracts for 10 megawatts of solar power in connection with the Department of Energy Resources settlement agreement that approved the Merger in Massachusetts. NSTAR Electric has entered in two contracts for 5 MW of capacity,

which were approved by the DPU in May, 2013. However these contracts were terminated on November 6, 2013 by mutual agreement of the parties. NSTAR Electric expects to meet its merger commitment by issuing a request for proposals to enter into long-term contracts for additional renewable solar generation.

The following table shows the sources of the 2013 electric franchise retail revenues of NSTAR Electric and WMECO based on categories of customers:

| | NSTAR Electric | | WMECO | |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | % of Total | 2013 | % of Total |
| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | | | | |
| Residential | \$ 1,066,673 | 45 | \$ 228,632 | 57 |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 1,181,678 | 25 | 131,763 | 33 |
| Industrial | 98,130 | 29 | 41,218 | 10 |
| Other | 17,092 | 1 | (882) | - |
| Total Retail Electric Revenues | \$ 2,363,573 | 100% | \$ 400,731 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric revenue includes Streetlighting and Railroad retail revenue.

A summary of NSTAR Electric's and WMECO's retail electric GWh sales and percentage changes for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| | NSTAR Electric | | | WMECO | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change |
| Residential | 6,831 | 6,741 | 1.3 % | 1,544 | 1,517 | 1.7 % |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 13,163 | 13,115 | 0.4 % | 1,496 | 1,503 | (0.4)% |
| Industrial | 1,312 | 1,353 | (3.0)% | 643 | 663 | (3.0)% |
| Total | 21,306 | 21,209 | 0.5 % | 3,683 | 3,683 | - % |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric GWh sales include Streetlighting and Railroad retail sales.

Rates

NSTAR Electric and WMECO are each subject to regulation by the DPU, which has jurisdiction over, among other things, rates, accounting procedures, certain dispositions of property and plant, mergers and consolidations, issuances of long-term securities, acquisition of securities, standards of service and construction and operation of facilities. The present general rate structure for both NSTAR Electric and WMECO consists of various rate and service

classifications covering residential, commercial and industrial services. Massachusetts utilities are entitled under state law to charge rates that are sufficient to allow them an opportunity to recover their reasonable operation and capital costs, to attract needed capital and maintain their financial integrity, while also protecting relevant public interests.

Under Massachusetts law, all customers of each of NSTAR Electric and WMECO are entitled to choose their energy suppliers, while NSTAR Electric or WMECO, as the case may be, remains their distribution company. Both NSTAR Electric and WMECO purchase power from competitive suppliers for, and pass through the cost to, their respective customers who do not choose a competitive energy supplier (basic service). Basic service charges are adjusted and reconciled on an annual basis. Most of the residential and small commercial and industrial customers of NSTAR Electric and WMECO have continued to buy their power from NSTAR Electric or WMECO, as the case may be, at basic service rates. Most large commercial and industrial customers have switched to a competitive energy supplier.

The Cape Light Compact, an inter-governmental organization consisting of the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, serves 200,000 customers through the delivery of energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options. NSTAR Electric continues to provide electric service to these customers including the delivery of power, meter reading, billing, and customer service.

NSTAR Electric continues to supply approximately 46 percent of its customer load at basic service rates while the other 54 percent of its customer load has migrated to competitive energy suppliers. WMECO continues to supply approximately 49 percent of its customer load at basic service rates while the other 51 percent of its customer load has migrated to competitive energy suppliers. Because customer migration is limited to energy supply service, it has no impact on the delivery business or operating income of NSTAR and WMECO.

The rates established by the DPU for NSTAR Electric and WMECO are comprised of the following:

A basic service charge that represents the collection of energy costs, including costs related to charge-offs of uncollected energy costs. Electric distribution companies in Massachusetts are required to obtain and resell power to retail customers through basic service for those who choose not to buy energy from a competitive energy supplier. Basic service rates are reset every six months (every three months for large commercial and industrial customers). Additionally, the DPU has authorized NSTAR Electric to recover the cost of its Dynamic Pricing Smart Grid Pilot Program through the basic service charge. Basic service costs are reconciled annually.

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A distribution charge, which includes a fixed customer charge and a demand and/or energy charge to collect the costs of building and expanding the infrastructure to deliver power to its destination, as well as ongoing operating costs.

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For WMECO, a revenue decoupling adjustment, that reconciles distribution revenue, on an annual basis, to the amount of distribution revenue approved by the DPU in its last rate case.

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A transmission charge that recovers the cost of transporting electricity over high voltage lines from generating plants to substations, including costs allocated by ISO-NE to maintain the wholesale electric market.

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A transition charge that represents costs to be collected primarily from previously held investments in generating plants, costs related to existing above-market power contracts, and contract costs related to long-term power contracts buy-outs.

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Reconciling adjustment charges that recover certain DPU-approved costs, including a pension and PBOP rate to recover incremental pension and PBOP benefit costs, a residential assistance adjustment factor to recover the cost of low income discounts, a net-metering surcharge to collect the lost revenue and credits associated with net-metering facilities installed by customers, a storm recovery charge to collect certain storm related costs, and an energy efficiency reconciliation factor to recover energy efficiency program costs and lost base revenues in addition to those charges recovered in the energy efficiency charge. In addition to these adjustments, NSTAR Electric has a reconciling adjustment charge that collects certain safety and reliability program costs and costs related to its Smart Grid pilot program, while WMECO has a reconciling adjustment charge that recovers costs associated with certain solar projects owned and operated by WMECO.

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A renewable energy charge that represents a legislatively-mandated charge to collect the costs to support the development and promotion of renewable energy projects.

An energy efficiency charge that represents a legislatively-mandated charge to collect costs for energy efficiency programs.

Rate Settlement Agreement

On February 15, 2012, NU and NSTAR reached comprehensive settlement agreements with the Massachusetts Attorney General (Attorney General's settlement agreement) and the DOER related to the merger. The Attorney General's settlement agreement covered a variety of rate-making and rate design issues, including a base distribution rate freeze through 2015 for NSTAR Electric and WMECO. The settlement agreement reached with the DOER covered the same rate-making and rate design issues as the Attorney General's settlement agreement, as well as a variety of matters impacting the advancement of energy policies.

Pursuant to a 2008 DPU order, Massachusetts electric utilities must adopt rate structures that decouple the volume of energy sales from the utility's revenues in their next rate case. WMECO is currently decoupled and NSTAR Electric will propose decoupling in its next rate case. The exact timing of NSTAR Electric's next rate case has not yet been determined, but it will not be before 2015.

NSTAR Electric and WMECO are each subject to service quality (SQ) metrics that measure safety, reliability and customer service and could be required to pay to customers a SQ charge of up to 2.5 percent of annual transmission and distribution revenues for failing to meet such metrics. Neither NSTAR Electric nor WMECO will be required to pay a SQ charge for its 2013 performance as each company achieved results at or above target for all of its respective SQ metrics in 2013.

Sources and Availability of Electric Power Supply

As noted above, neither NSTAR Electric nor WMECO owns any generation assets (other than WMECO's recently constructed solar generation), and both companies purchase their respective energy requirements from a variety of competitive sources through requests for proposals issued periodically, consistent with DPU regulations. NSTAR Electric and WMECO enter into supply contracts for basic service for 50 percent of their respective residential and small commercial and industrial customers twice a year for twelve month terms. Both NSTAR Electric and WMECO enter into supply contracts for basic service for 100 percent of large commercial and industrial customers every three months.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PSNH's distribution business consists primarily of the generation, delivery and sale of electricity to its residential, commercial and industrial customers. As of December 31, 2013, PSNH furnished retail franchise electric service to approximately 500,000 retail customers in 211 cities and towns in New Hampshire, covering an area of 5,628 square miles. PSNH also owns and operates approximately 1,200 MW of primarily fossil-fueled electricity generation plants. Included in those electric generating plants is PSNH's 50 MW wood-burning Northern Wood Power Project at its Schiller Station in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and approximately 70 MW of hydroelectric generation. PSNH's distribution business includes the activities of its generation business.

The Clean Air Project, a wet flue gas desulphurization system (Scrubber), was constructed and placed in service by PSNH at its Merrimack Station in September 2011. PSNH completed remaining project construction activities in 2012 and the final cost of the project was approximately \$421 million.

Tests to date indicate that the Scrubber reduces emissions of SO₂ and mercury from Merrimack Station by over 90 percent, which is well in excess of state and federal requirements.

Prudent Scrubber costs are allowed to be recovered through PSNH's ES rates under New Hampshire law. In November 2011, the NHPUC opened a docket to review the Clean Air Project. For information about this docket, see "Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters New Hampshire Clean Air Project Prudence Proceeding" in the accompanying *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

The following table shows the sources of PSNH's 2013 electric franchise retail revenues based on categories of customers:

| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | PSNH | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | % of Total |
| Residential | \$ 483,716 | 56 |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 293,509 | 34 |
| Industrial | 71,012 | 8 |
| Other | 21,665 | 2 |
| Total Retail Electric Revenues | \$ 869,902 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric revenue includes Streetlighting and Railroad retail revenue.

A summary of PSNH's retail electric GWh sales and percentage changes for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Residential | 3,208 | 3,138 | 2.2% |
| Commercial ⁽¹⁾ | 3,357 | 3,338 | 0.6% |
| Industrial | 1,373 | 1,345 | 2.1% |
| Total | 7,938 | 7,821 | 1.5% |

⁽¹⁾ Commercial retail electric GWh sales include Streetlighting and Railroad retail sales.

Rates

PSNH is subject to regulation by the NHPUC, which has jurisdiction over, among other things, rates, certain dispositions of property and plant, mergers and consolidations, issuances of securities, standards of service and construction and operation of facilities. New Hampshire utilities are entitled under state law to charge rates that are sufficient to allow them an opportunity to recover their reasonable operation and capital costs, to attract needed capital and maintain their financial integrity, while also protecting relevant public interests.

Under New Hampshire law, all of PSNH's customers are entitled to choose competitive energy suppliers, with PSNH providing default energy service under its ES rate for those customers who do not elect to use a third party supplier.

Prior to 2009, PSNH experienced only a minimal amount of customer migration. However, customer migration levels began to increase significantly in 2009 as energy costs decreased from their historic high levels and competitive energy suppliers with more pricing flexibility were able to offer electricity supply at lower prices than PSNH. By the end of 2013, approximately 25 percent of all of PSNH's customers (approximately 54 percent of load) had switched to competitive energy suppliers. This was an increase from 2012, when 9 percent of customers (approximately 44 percent of load) had switched to competitive energy suppliers. The increased level of migration has caused an increase in the ES rate, as fixed costs of PSNH's generation assets must be spread over a smaller group of customers and lower sales volume. The customers that have not chosen a third party supplier, predominantly residential and small commercial customers, are now paying a larger proportion of these fixed costs. On July 26, 2011, the NHPUC ordered PSNH to file a rate proposal that would mitigate the impact of customer migration expected to occur when the ES rate is higher than market prices. On April 8, 2013, the NHPUC issued an order conditionally approving a PSNH settlement with OCA and PUC staff for an Alternative Default Energy (ADE) pilot program rate which was designed to address customer migration. The NHPUC condition was accepted by the Settling Parties and incorporated into the initial implementation of Rate ADE in mid-2013. The pilot program results in no impact to earnings and allows for an increased contribution to fixed costs for all ES customers. PSNH cannot predict if the upward pressure on ES rates due to customer migration will continue into the future, as future migration levels are dependent on market prices and supplier alternatives. If future market prices once more exceed the average ES rate level, some or all of the customers on third party supply may migrate back to PSNH.

On January 18, 2013, the NHPUC opened a docket to investigate market conditions affecting PSNH's ES rate, how PSNH will maintain just and reasonable rates in light of those conditions, and any impact of PSNH's generation ownership on the New Hampshire competitive electric market. On July 15, 2013, the NHPUC accepted from the NHPUC Staff a "Report on Investigation into Market Conditions, Default Service Rate, Generation Ownership and Impact on the Competitive Electricity Market." The report recommended that the NHPUC examine whether default service rates remain sustainable on a going forward basis, define "just and reasonable" with respect to default service in the context of competitive retail markets, analyze the current and expected value of PSNH's generating units, and identify means to mitigate and address stranded cost recovery.

On September 18, 2013, the NHPUC issued a Request for Proposal to hire a valuation expert to determine the value of PSNH's generation assets and entitlements. On October 16, 2013, the State of New Hampshire Legislative Oversight Committee on Electric

Utility Restructuring (Oversight Committee) requested that the NHPUC conduct an analysis to determine whether it is now in the economic interest of PSNH's retail customers for PSNH to divest its interest in generation plants. On November 1, 2013, the Oversight Committee asked for a preliminary report on the findings by April 1, 2014 that would include at a minimum the NHPUC Staff's position, the analysis of the valuation expert, and any recommendations for legislation that may be needed concerning divestiture or otherwise related to this issue. A valuation expert has been hired and the investigation is currently ongoing. At this time, we cannot predict the outcome of this review. Our current PSNH generation rate base totals approximately \$760 million. We continue to believe all costs and generation investments are probable of recovery.

On June 28, 2010, the NHPUC approved a joint settlement of PSNH's distribution rate case. Under the approved settlement, if PSNH's 12-month rolling average ROE for distribution exceeds 10 percent, amounts over the 10 percent level are to be allocated 75 percent to customers and 25 percent to PSNH. Additionally, the settlement provided that the authorized regulatory ROE on distribution plant would continue at the previously allowed level of 9.67 percent, and also permitted PSNH to file a request to collect certain exogenous costs and a defined series of step increases. In 2013, PSNH filed for a distribution rate step increase. On June 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved an increase to rates of \$12.6 million, effective July 1, 2013. The increase consists primarily of \$7.7 million related to net plant additions and a \$5 million increase to the current level of funding for the Major Storm Cost reserve.

The rates established by the NHPUC for PSNH include the following:

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An energy charge for customers who are not taking power from competitive energy suppliers. The default energy service charge, or ES rate, is charged to customers who have never chosen competitive energy supply. This charge recovers the costs of PSNH's generation as well as purchased power and includes the NHPUC allowed ROE of 9.81 percent on PSNH's generation investment. Rate ADE is charged to certain customers who have returned to PSNH from competitive energy supply. This rate allows PSNH to recover the forecast marginal cost of energy plus an adder for fixed costs.

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A distribution charge, which includes an energy and/or demand-based charge to recover costs related to the maintenance and operation of PSNH's infrastructure to deliver power to its destination, as well as power restoration and service costs. This includes a customer charge to collect the cost of providing service to a customer; such as the installation, maintenance, reading and replacement of meters and maintaining accounts and records.

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A transmission charge that recovers the cost of transporting electricity over high voltage lines from generating plants to substations, including costs allocated by ISO-NE to maintain the wholesale electric market.

A stranded cost recovery charge (SCRC), which allows PSNH to recover its stranded costs, including above-market expenses incurred under mandated power purchase obligations and other long-term investments and obligations.

PSNH had financed a significant portion of its stranded costs through securitization by issuing RRBs secured by the right to recover these stranded costs from customers over the life of the RRBs. The costs of the RRBs, which were retired on May 1, 2013, were recovered through the SCRC rate.

A system benefits charge which funds energy efficiency programs for all customers as well as assistance programs for residential customers within certain income guidelines.

An electricity consumption tax which is a state mandated tax on energy consumption.

The energy charge and SCRC rates change semi-annually and are reconciled annually. Expense/revenue reconciliation amounts for the energy charge and SCRC are recovered in subsequent rates. The Rate ADE reconciliation amount is incorporated into the ES reconciliation.

Sources and Availability of Electric Power Supply

During 2013, approximately 68 percent of PSNH's load was met through its own generation, long-term power supply provided pursuant to orders of the NHPUC, and contracts with third parties. The remaining 32 percent of PSNH's load was met by short-term (less than one year) purchases and spot purchases in the competitive New England wholesale power market. PSNH expects to meet its load requirements in 2014 in a similar manner. Included in the 68 percent above are PSNH's obligations to purchase power from approximately two dozen IPPs, the output of which it either uses to serve its customer load or sells into the ISO-NE market.

2013, 2012 and 2011 Major Storms

Over the past three years, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO each experienced significant storms, including Tropical Storm Irene, the October 2011 snowstorm, Storm Sandy, and the February 2013 blizzard. As a result of these storms, each electric utility company suffered damage to its distribution and transmission systems,

which caused customer outages and required the incurrence of costs to repair significant damage and restore customer service.

The magnitude of these storm restoration costs met the criteria for cost deferral in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. As a result, the storms had no material impact on the results of operations of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. We believe our response to each of these storms was prudent and therefore we believe it is probable that CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will be allowed to recover the deferred storm restoration costs. Each electric utility company is seeking recovery of its deferred storm restoration costs through its applicable regulatory recovery process.

CL&P 2013 Storm Filing: In March 2013, CL&P filed a request with PURA for approval to recover storm restoration costs associated with five major storms, all of which occurred in 2011 and 2012. CL&P's deferred storm restoration costs associated with these major storms totaled \$462 million. Of that amount, approximately \$414 million is subject to recovery in rates after giving effect to CL&P's agreement to forego the recovery of \$40 million of previously deferred storm restoration costs as well as an existing storm reserve fund balance of approximately \$8 million. During the second half of 2013, the PURA proceeded with the storm recovery review issuing discovery, holding hearings and ultimately on February 3, 2014, issuing a draft decision on the level of storm costs recovery.

In its draft decision, the PURA approved recovery of \$365 million of deferred storm restoration costs and ordered CL&P to capitalize approximately \$18 million of the deferred storm restoration costs as utility plant, which will be included in depreciation expense in future rate proceedings. PURA will allow recovery of the \$365 million with carrying charges in CL&P's distribution rates over a six year period beginning December 1, 2014. The remaining costs were either disallowed or are probable of recovery in future rates and did not have a material impact on CL&P's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The final decision is expected from PURA in the first quarter of 2014.

NSTAR Electric 2013 Storm Filing: On December 30, 2013, the DPU approved NSTAR Electric's request to recover storm restoration costs, plus carrying costs, related to Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm. The DPU approved recovery of \$34.2 million of the \$38 million requested costs. NSTAR Electric will recover these costs, plus carrying costs, in its distribution rates over a five-year period that commenced on January 1, 2014.

PSNH Major Storm Cost Reserve: On June 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved an increase to PSNH's distribution rates effective July 1, 2013 that included a \$5 million increase to the current level of funding for the major storm cost reserve.

WMECO SRRCA Mechanism: WMECO has an established Storm Reserve Recovery Cost Adjustment (SRRCA) mechanism to recover the restoration costs associated with its major storms. Effective January 1, 2012, WMECO began recovering the restoration costs of Tropical Storm Irene and other storms that took place prior to August 2011. On August 30, 2013, WMECO submitted its 2013 Annual SRRCA filing to begin recovering the restoration costs associated with the October 2011 snowstorm and Storm Sandy. On December 20, 2013, the DPU approved the 2013 Annual SRRCA filing for effect on January 1, 2014, subject to further review and reconciliation.

2013, 2012 and 2011 Major Storm Deferrals: As of December 31, 2013, the storm restoration costs deferred for recovery from customers for major storms that occurred during 2013, 2012 and 2011 at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO were as follows:

(Millions of Dollars)

2013 Total

| | 2012 and 2011 | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| CL&P | 365.0 | 28.8 | 393.8 |
| NSTAR Electric | 61.3 | 63.6 | 124.9 |
| PSNH | 33.7 | 5.3 | 39.0 |
| WMECO | 35.3 | - | 35.3 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total | 495.3 | 97.7 | 593.0 |

ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SEGMENT

General

Each of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO owns and maintains transmission facilities that are part of an interstate power transmission grid over which electricity is transmitted throughout New England. Each of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, and most other New England utilities, are parties to a series of agreements that provide for coordinated planning and operation of the region's transmission facilities and the rules by which they acquire transmission services. Under these arrangements, ISO-NE, a non-profit corporation whose board of directors and staff are independent of all market participants, serves as the regional transmission organization of the New England transmission system.

Wholesale Transmission Revenues

A summary of NU's wholesale transmission revenues is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | 2013 |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| CL&P | \$ | 506.1 |
| NSTAR Electric | | 253.6 |
| PSNH | | 102.5 |
| WMECO | | 116.5 |
| Total Wholesale Transmission Revenues | \$ | 978.7 |

Wholesale Transmission Rates

Wholesale transmission revenues are recovered through FERC approved formula rates. Transmission revenues are collected from New England customers, the majority of which are distribution customers of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. The

transmission rates provide for the annual reconciliation and recovery or refund of estimated to actual costs. The financial impacts of differences between actual and estimated costs are deferred for future recovery from, or refunded to, transmission customers.

FERC Base ROE Complaint

Pursuant to a series of orders involving the ROE for regionally planned New England transmission projects, the FERC set the base ROE at 11.14 percent and approved incentives that increased the ROE to 12.64 percent for those projects that were in-service by the end of 2008. Beginning in 2009, the ROE for all regional transmission investment approved by ISO-NE is 11.64 percent, which includes 50 basis points for joining a regional transmission organization. In addition, certain projects were granted additional ROE incentives by FERC under its transmission incentive policy. As a result, CL&P earns between 12.64 percent and 13.1 percent on its major transmission projects, NSTAR Electric earns between 11.64 percent and 12.64 percent on its major transmission projects, and WMECO earns 12.89 percent on the Massachusetts portion of GSRP.

On September 30, 2011, several New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates and other parties filed a joint complaint with the FERC under Sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act alleging that the base ROE used in calculating formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff by NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, is unjust and unreasonable. The complainants asserted that the current 11.14 percent rate, which became effective in 2006, is excessive due to changes in the capital markets and are seeking an order to reduce the rate, which would be effective October 1, 2011. In response, the NETOs filed testimony and analysis based on standard FERC methodology and precedent demonstrating that the base ROE of 11.14 percent remained just and reasonable. The FERC set the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful in August 2012.

Hearings before the FERC ALJ were held in May 2013, followed by the filing of briefs by the complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities (late interveners to the case), the FERC trial staff and the NETOs. The NETOs recommended that the current base ROE of 11.14 percent should remain in effect for the refund period (October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012) and the prospective period (beginning when FERC issues its final decision). The complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities, and the FERC trial staff each recommended a base ROE of 9 percent or below.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision, finding that the base ROE in effect from October 2011 through December 2012 was not reasonable under the standard application of FERC methodology, but leaving policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC. Using the established FERC methodology, the FERC ALJ determined that separate base ROEs should be set for the refund period and the prospective period. The FERC ALJ found those base ROEs to be 10.6 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively. The FERC may adjust the prospective period base ROE in its final decision to reflect movement in 10-year Treasury bond rates from the date that the case was filed (April 2013) to the date of the final decision. The parties filed briefs on this decision with the FERC, and a decision from the FERC is expected in 2014. Though NU cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this proceeding, in 2013 the Company recorded a series of reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the

FERC ALJ's initial decision for the refund period. The aggregate after-tax charge to earnings totaled \$14.3 million at NU, which represents reserves of \$7.7 million at CL&P, \$3.4 million at NSTAR Electric, \$1.4 million at PSNH and \$1.8 million at WMECO.

On December 27, 2012, several additional parties filed a separate complaint concerning the NETOs' base ROE with the FERC. This complaint seeks to reduce the NETOs' base ROE effective January 1, 2013, effectively extending the refund period for an additional 15 months, and to consolidate this complaint with the joint complaint filed on September 30, 2011. The NETOs have asked the FERC to reject this complaint. The FERC has not yet acted on this complaint, and management is unable to predict the ultimate outcome or estimate the impacts of this complaint on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

As of December 31, 2013, the CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO aggregate shareholder equity invested in their transmission facilities was approximately \$2.3 billion. As a result, each 10 basis point change in the prospective period authorized base ROE would change annual consolidated earnings by an approximate \$2.3 million.

Transmission Projects

NEEWS: GSRP, the first, largest and most complicated project within the NEEWS family of projects was fully energized on November 20, 2013. The project involved the construction of 115 kV and 345 kV overhead lines by CL&P and WMECO from Ludlow, Massachusetts to Bloomfield, Connecticut. This transmission upgrade ensures the reliable flow of power in and around the southern New England area and enables access to less expensive generation, further reducing the risk of congestion costs impacting New England customers. The project was fully energized ahead of schedule with a final cost of \$676 million, \$42 million under the \$718 million estimated cost. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P and WMECO have placed \$628.2 million in service.

The Interstate Reliability Project, which includes CL&P's construction of an approximately 40-mile, 345 kV overhead line from Lebanon, Connecticut to the Connecticut-Rhode Island border in Thompson, Connecticut where it will connect to transmission enhancements being constructed by National Grid, is the second major NEEWS project. All siting applications have been filed by CL&P and National Grid. The Connecticut and Rhode Island portions of the project have been approved and a siting approval decision in Massachusetts is expected in early 2014. On February 12, 2014, the Army Corps of Engineers issued its permit enabling construction on the Connecticut portion of the project. This is the final permit for the Connecticut portion of the project. NU's portion of the cost is estimated to be \$218 million and the project is expected to be placed in service in late 2015.

The Greater Hartford Central Connecticut Study (GHCC), which includes the reassessment of the Central Connecticut Reliability Project, continues to make progress. The final need results, which were presented to the ISO-NE Planning Advisory Committee in November 2013, showed existing and worsening severe regional and local thermal overloads and voltage violations within and across each of the four study areas. ISO-NE is expected to confirm the preferred transmission solutions in the first half of 2014, which are likely to include many 115 kV upgrades. We continue to expect that the specific future projects being identified to address these reliability concerns will cost approximately \$300 million and that the project will be placed in service in 2017.

Included as part of NEEWS are associated reliability related projects, \$90.8 million of which have been placed in service. As of December 31, 2013, the remaining construction on the associated reliability related projects totaled \$2.8 million, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-2014.

Through December 31, 2013, CL&P and WMECO capitalized \$252.8 million and \$567 million, respectively, in costs associated with NEEWS, of which \$40.8 million and \$48.9 million, respectively, were capitalized in 2013.

Cape Cod Reliability Projects: Transmission projects serving Cape Cod in the Southeastern Massachusetts (SEMA) reliability region consist of an expansion and upgrade of NSTAR Electric's existing transmission infrastructure including construction of a new 345 kV transmission line that crosses the Cape Cod Canal and associated 115 kV upgrades in the center of Cape Cod (Lower SEMA Project) and related 115 kV projects (Mid-Cape Project). The Lower SEMA Project line work was completed and placed into service in 2013. The Mid-Cape Project is scheduled to be completed in 2017. The aggregate estimated construction cost for the Cape Cod projects is expected to be approximately \$150 million. Through December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric has invested \$96 million in costs associated with the Cape Cod Reliability Projects, of which \$61 million was capitalized in 2013.

Northern Pass: Northern Pass is NPT's planned HVDC transmission line from the Québec-New Hampshire border to Franklin, New Hampshire and an associated alternating current radial transmission line between Franklin and Deerfield, New Hampshire. Northern Pass will interconnect at the Québec-New Hampshire border with a planned HQ HVDC transmission line. The \$1.4 billion project is subject to comprehensive federal and state public permitting processes and is expected to be operational by mid-2017. On July 1, 2013, NPT filed an amendment to the DOE Presidential Permit Application for a proposed improved route in the northernmost section of the project area. As of December 31, 2013, the DOE had completed its public scoping meeting process and the majority of its seasonal field work and environmental data collection. NPT expects to file its state permit application in the fourth quarter of 2014 after the DOE's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is received.

NPT filed an amendment to the Transmission Services Agreement (TSA) with FERC on December 11, 2013, which was accepted by the FERC on January 13, 2014. The TSA amendment that went into effect on February 14, 2014 extended certain deadlines to provide project flexibility and eliminated a penalty payment for termination of the project in the future.

On December 31, 2013, NPT received ISO-NE approval under Section I.3.9 of the ISO tariff. By approving the project's Section I.3.9 application, ISO-NE determined that Northern Pass can reliably interconnect with the New England grid with no significant, adverse effect on the reliability or operating characteristics of the regional energy grid and its participants.

Greater Boston Reliability and Boston Network Improvements: As a result of continued analysis of the transmission needs to enhance system reliability and improve capacity in eastern Massachusetts, NSTAR Electric expects to implement a series of new transmission initiatives over the next five years. We expect projected costs to be approximately \$440 million on these new initiatives.

Transmission Rate Base

Under our FERC-approved tariff, transmission projects generally enter rate base after they are placed in commercial operation. At the end of 2013, our estimated transmission rate base was approximately \$4.4 billion, including approximately \$2.2 billion at CL&P, \$1.1 billion at NSTAR Electric, \$468 million at PSNH, and \$597 million at WMECO.

NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SEGMENT

The following table shows the sources of the 2013 natural gas franchise retail revenues of NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas based on categories of customers:

| | NSTAR Gas | | Yankee Gas | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | % of Total | 2013 | % of Total |
| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | | | | |
| Residential | \$ 250,270 | 63 | \$ 217,843 | 54 |
| Commercial | 132,730 | 33 | 129,788 | 32 |
| Industrial | 17,625 | 4 | 57,951 | 14 |
| Total Retail Natural Gas Revenues | \$ 400,625 | 100% | \$ 405,582 | 100% |

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A summary of NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas retail firm natural gas sales and percentage changes in million cubic feet for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| | NSTAR Gas ⁽¹⁾ | | | Yankee Gas | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Change |
| Residential | 21,911 | 18,385 | 19.2% | 14,866 | 12,488 | 19.0% |
| Commercial | 21,341 | 19,095 | 11.8% | 18,874 | 16,567 | 13.9% |
| Industrial | 5,773 | 5,205 | 10.9% | 15,493 | 15,787 | (1.9%) |
| Total | 49,025 | 42,685 | 14.9% | 49,233 | 44,842 | 9.8% |
| Total, Net of Special Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | | | 45,059 | 39,087 | 15.3% |

(1)

NSTAR Gas sales data for the full-year ended December 31, 2012 has been provided for comparative purposes only.

(2)

Special contracts are unique to the Yankee Gas customers who take service under such an arrangement and generally specify the amount of distribution revenue to be paid to Yankee Gas regardless of the customers usage.

Our 2013 consolidated firm natural gas sales are subject to many of the same influences as our retail electric sales, but have benefitted from favorable natural gas prices and customer growth across all three customer classes. Our 2013 consolidated firm natural gas sales were higher, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. The 2013 weather-normalized NU consolidated total firm natural gas sales increased 0.9 percent, as compared to 2012, due primarily to residential customer growth, an increase in natural gas conversions, the migration of interruptible customers switching to firm service rates, and the addition of gas-fired distributed generation, all of which was primarily in the Yankee Gas service territory.

NSTAR GAS

NSTAR Gas distributes natural gas to approximately 274,000 customers in 51 communities in central and eastern Massachusetts covering 1,067 square miles. Total throughput (sales and transportation) in 2013 was approximately 60.5 Bcf. NSTAR Gas provides firm natural gas sales service to retail customers who require a continuous natural gas supply throughout the year, such as residential customers who rely on gas for heating, hot water and cooking needs, and commercial and industrial customers who choose to purchase natural gas from NSTAR Gas.

Predominantly all residential customers in the NSTAR Gas service territory buy gas supply and delivery from NSTAR Gas while all customers may choose their gas suppliers. NSTAR Gas offers firm transportation service to all

customers who purchase gas from sources other than NSTAR Gas as well as interruptible transportation and interruptible gas sales service to those commercial and industrial customers that have the capability to switch from natural gas to an alternative fuel on short notice, for whom NSTAR Gas can interrupt service during peak demand periods or at any other time to maintain distribution system integrity.

Rates

NSTAR Gas generates revenues primarily through the sale and/or transportation of natural gas. Gas sales and transportation services are divided into two categories: firm, whereby NSTAR Gas must supply gas and/or transportation services to customers on demand; and interruptible, whereby NSTAR Gas may, generally during colder months, temporarily discontinue service to high volume commercial and industrial customers. Sales and transportation of gas to interruptible customers have no impact on NSTAR Gas operating income because a substantial portion of the margin for such service is returned to its firm customers as rate reductions.

The Attorney General merger settlement agreement provided for a rate freeze through 2015.

Retail natural gas delivery and supply rates are established by the DPU and are comprised of:

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A distribution charge consisting of a fixed customer charge and a demand and/or energy charge that collects the costs of building and expanding the natural gas infrastructure to deliver natural gas supply to its customers. This also includes collection of ongoing operating costs;

.
A seasonal cost of gas adjustment clause (CGAC) that collects natural gas supply costs, pipeline and storage capacity costs, costs related to charge-offs of uncollected energy costs and working capital related costs. The CGAC is reset every six months. In addition, NSTAR Gas files interim changes to its CGAC factor when the actual costs of natural gas supply vary from projections by more than 5 percent; and

.
A local distribution adjustment clause (LDAC) that collects energy efficiency program costs, environmental costs, PAM related costs, and costs associated with the residential assistance adjustment clause. The LDAC is reset annually and provides for the recovery of certain costs applicable to both sales and transportation customers.

NSTAR Gas purchases financial contracts based on NYMEX natural gas futures in order to reduce cash flow variability associated with the purchase price for approximately one-third of its natural gas purchases. These purchases are made under a program approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in 2006. This practice attempts to minimize the impact of fluctuations in prices to NSTAR Gas firm gas customers. These financial contracts do not procure gas supply. All costs incurred or benefits realized when these contracts are settled are included in the CGAC.

NSTAR Gas is subject to SQ metrics that measure safety, reliability and customer service and could be required to pay to customers a SQ charge of up to 2.5 percent of annual distribution revenues for failing to meet such metrics. NSTAR Gas will not be required to pay a SQ charge for its 2013 performance as it achieved results at or above target for all of its SQ metrics in 2013.

Sources and Availability of Natural Gas Supply

NSTAR Gas maintains a flexible resource portfolio consisting of natural gas supply contracts, transportation contracts on interstate pipelines, market area storage and peaking services. NSTAR Gas purchases transportation, storage, and balancing services from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, as well as other upstream pipelines that transport gas from major producing regions in the U.S., including the Gulf Coast, Mid-continent region, and Appalachian Shale supplies to the final delivery points in the NSTAR Gas service area. NSTAR Gas purchases all of its natural gas supply from a firm portfolio management contract with a term of one year, which has a maximum quantity of approximately 139,500 MMBtu/day.

In addition to the firm transportation and natural gas supplies mentioned above, NSTAR Gas utilizes contracts for underground storage and LNG facilities to meet its winter peaking demands. The LNG facilities, described below, are located within NSTAR Gas distribution system and are used to liquefy and store pipeline gas during the warmer months for vaporization and use during the heating season. During the summer injection season, excess pipeline capacity and supplies are used to deliver and store natural gas in market area underground storage facilities located in the New York and Pennsylvania region. Stored natural gas is withdrawn during the winter season to supplement flowing pipeline supplies in order to meet firm heating demand. NSTAR Gas has firm underground storage contracts and total storage capacity entitlements of approximately 6.6 Bcf.

A portion of the storage of natural gas supply for NSTAR Gas during the winter heating season is provided by Hopkinton, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yankee Energy Systems, Inc. The facilities consist of an LNG liquefaction and vaporization plant and three above-ground cryogenic storage tanks in Hopkinton, Massachusetts having an aggregate capacity of 3.0 Bcf of liquefied natural gas. NSTAR Gas also has access to facilities in Acushnet, Massachusetts that include additional storage capacity of 0.5 Bcf and additional vaporization capacity.

Based on information currently available regarding projected growth in demand and estimates of availability of future supplies of pipeline natural gas, NSTAR Gas believes that participation in planned and anticipated pipeline expansion projects will be required in order for it to meet current and future sales growth opportunities.

YANKEE GAS

Yankee Gas operates the largest natural gas distribution system in Connecticut as measured by number of customers (approximately 218,000 customers in 71 cities and towns), and size of service territory (2,187 square miles). Total throughput (sales and transportation) in 2013 was approximately 55 Bcf. Yankee Gas provides firm natural gas sales service to retail customers who require a continuous natural gas supply throughout the year, such as residential customers who rely on natural gas for heating, hot water and cooking needs, and commercial and industrial customers who choose to purchase natural gas from Yankee Gas. Yankee Gas also owns a 1.2 Bcf LNG facility in Waterbury, Connecticut, which is used primarily to assist it in meeting its supplier-of-last-resort obligations and also enables it to make economic purchases of natural gas, which typically occur during periods of low demand.

Retail natural gas service in Connecticut is partially unbundled: residential customers in Yankee Gas service territory buy gas supply and delivery only from Yankee Gas while commercial and industrial customers may choose their gas suppliers. Yankee Gas offers firm transportation service to its commercial and industrial customers who purchase gas from sources other than Yankee Gas as well as interruptible transportation and interruptible gas sales service to those commercial and industrial customers that have the capability to switch from natural gas to an alternative fuel on short notice, for whom Yankee Gas can interrupt service during peak demand periods or at any other time to maintain distribution system integrity.

Rates

Yankee Gas is subject to regulation by PURA, which has jurisdiction over, among other things, rates, accounting procedures, certain dispositions of property and plant, mergers and consolidations, issuances of long-term securities, standards of service, affiliate transactions, management efficiency and construction and operation of distribution, production and storage facilities.

Retail natural gas delivery and supply rates are established by the PURA and are comprised of:

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A distribution charge consisting of a fixed customer charge and a demand and/or energy charge that collects the costs of building and expanding the natural gas infrastructure to deliver natural gas supply to its customers. This also includes collection of ongoing operating costs;

.
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) clause, which allows Yankee Gas to recover the costs of the procurement of natural gas for its firm and seasonal customers. Differences between actual natural gas costs and collection amounts on August 31st of each year are deferred and then recovered or returned to customers during the following year. Carrying charges on outstanding balances are calculated using Yankee Gas' weighted average cost of capital in accordance with the directives of the PURA; and

Conservation Adjustment Mechanism (CAM), which allows 100 percent recovery of conservation costs through this mechanism including program incentives to promote energy efficiency, as well as recovery of any lost revenues associated with implementation of energy conservation measures. A reconciliation of CAM revenue to expenses is performed annually with any difference being recovered or refunded with carrying charges in future customer rates the following year.

On June 29, 2011 PURA issued a final decision in Yankee Gas rate proceeding, which it amended in September 2011. The final amended decision approved a regulatory ROE of 8.83 percent, based on a capital structure of 52.2 percent common equity and 47.8 percent debt, approved the inclusion in rates of costs associated with the WWL project, and also allowed for a substantial increase in annual spending for bare steel and cast iron pipe replacement, as requested by Yankee Gas.

Sources and Availability of Natural Gas Supply

PURA requires that Yankee Gas meet the needs of its firm customers under all weather conditions. Specifically, Yankee Gas must structure its supply portfolio to meet firm customer needs under a design day scenario (defined as the coldest day in 30 years) and under a design year scenario (defined as the average of the four coldest years in the last 30 years). Yankee Gas also owns a 1.2 Bcf LNG facility in Waterbury, Connecticut, which is used primarily to assist Yankee Gas in meeting its supplier-of-last-resort obligations and also enables Yankee Gas to make economic purchases of natural gas, typically in periods of low demand. Yankee Gas on-system stored LNG and underground storage supplies help to meet consumption needs during the coldest days of winter. Yankee Gas obtains its interstate capacity from the three interstate pipelines that directly serve Connecticut: the Algonquin, Tennessee and Iroquois Pipelines. Yankee Gas has long-term firm contracts for capacity on TransCanada Pipelines Limited Pipeline, Vector Pipeline, L.P., Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Iroquois Gas Transmission Pipeline, Algonquin Pipeline, Union Gas Limited, Dominion Transmission, Inc., National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, and Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P. pipelines. Based on information currently available regarding projected growth in demand and estimates of availability of future supplies of pipeline natural gas, Yankee Gas believes that its present sources of natural gas supply are adequate to meet existing load and allow for future growth in sales.

PROJECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We project to make capital expenditures of approximately \$7.6 billion from 2014 through 2017. Of the \$7.6 billion, we expect to invest approximately \$3.5 billion in our electric and natural gas distribution segments and \$3.7 billion in our electric transmission segment. In addition, we project to invest approximately \$400 million for our corporate service companies.

FINANCING

Our credit facilities and indentures require that NU parent and certain of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas, comply with certain financial and non-financial covenants as are customarily included in such agreements, including maintaining a ratio of consolidated debt to total capitalization of no more than 65 percent. All of these companies currently are, and expect to remain, in compliance with these covenants.

As of December 31, 2013, a total of \$501.7 million of NU's long-term debt will be paid in the next 12 months, consisting of \$150 million for CL&P, \$301.7 million for NSTAR Electric and \$50 million for PSNH.

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING

General

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO and several other New England electric utilities are stockholders in three inactive regional nuclear generation companies, CYAPC, MYAPC and YAEC (collectively, the Yankee Companies). The Yankee Companies have completed the physical decommissioning of their respective generation facilities and are now engaged in the long-term storage of their spent nuclear fuel. Each Yankee Company collects decommissioning and closure costs through wholesale FERC-approved rates charged under power purchase agreements with CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and several other New England utilities. These companies in turn recover these costs from their customers through state regulatory commission-approved retail rates.

The ownership percentages of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO in the Yankee Companies are set forth below:

| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO | Total |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| CYAPC | 34.5% | 14.0% | 5.0% | 9.5% | 63.0% |
| YAEC | 24.5% | 14.0% | 7.0% | 7.0% | 52.5% |
| MYAPC | 12.0% | 4.0% | 5.0% | 3.0% | 24.0% |

Our share of the obligations to support the Yankee Companies under FERC-approved contracts is the same as the ownership percentages above. As a result of the Merger, we consolidate the assets and obligations of CYAPC and YAEC on our consolidated balance sheet.

OTHER REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

General

We are regulated in virtually all aspects of our business by various federal and state agencies, including FERC, the SEC, and various state and/or local regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over the industry and the service areas in which each of our companies operates, including the PURA, which has jurisdiction over CL&P and Yankee Gas, the NHPUC, which has jurisdiction over PSNH, and the DPU, which has jurisdiction over NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and WMECO.

Environmental Regulation

We are subject to various federal, state and local requirements with respect to water quality, air quality, toxic substances, hazardous waste and other environmental matters. Additionally, major generation and transmission facilities may not be constructed or significantly modified without a review of the environmental impact of the proposed construction or modification by the applicable federal or state agencies.

Water Quality Requirements

The Clean Water Act requires every "point source" discharger of pollutants into navigable waters to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the EPA or state environmental agency specifying the allowable quantity and characteristics of its effluent. States may also require additional permits for discharges into state waters. We are in the process of maintaining or renewing all required NPDES or state discharge permits in effect for our facilities. In each of the last three years, the costs incurred by PSNH related to compliance with NPDES and state discharge permits have not been material.

On September 29, 2011, the EPA issued for public review and comment a draft renewal NPDES permit under the Clean Water Act for PSNH's Merrimack Station. The draft permit would require PSNH to install a closed-cycle cooling system at the station. The EPA does not have a set deadline to consider comments and to issue a final permit. Merrimack Station is permitted to continue to operate under its present permit pending issuance of the final permit and subsequent resolution of matters appealed by PSNH and other parties. Due to the site specific characteristics of PSNH's other fossil generating stations, we believe it is unlikely that they would face similar permitting determinations.

Air Quality Requirements

The Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), as well as New Hampshire law, impose stringent requirements on emissions of SO₂ and NO_x for the purpose of controlling acid rain and ground level ozone. In addition, the CAAA address the control of toxic air pollutants. Requirements for the installation of continuous emissions monitors and expanded permitting provisions also are included.

In December 2011, the EPA finalized the Mercury and Air Toxic Standards (MATS) that require the reduction of emissions of hazardous air pollutants from new and existing coal- and oil-fired electric generating units. Previously referred to as the Utility MACT (maximum achievable control technology) rules, it establishes emission limits for mercury, arsenic and other hazardous air pollutants from coal and oil-fired units. MATS is the first implementation of a nationwide emissions standard for hazardous air pollutants across all electric generating units and provides utility companies with up to five years to meet the requirements. PSNH owns and operates approximately 1,000 MW of fossil fueled electric generating units subject to MATS, including the two units at Merrimack Station, Newington Station and the two coal units at Schiller Station. We believe the Clean Air Project at our Merrimack Station, together with existing equipment, will enable the facility to meet the MATS requirements. A review of the potential impact of MATS on our other PSNH units is not yet complete. Additional incremental controls may be required for the two coal fired units at Schiller Station. To date, the financial impact of this potential control has not been determined.

Each of the states in which we do business also has Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) requirements, which generally require fixed percentages of our energy supply to come from renewable energy sources such as solar, hydropower, landfill gas, fuel cells and other similar sources.

New Hampshire's RPS provision requires increasing percentages of the electricity sold to retail customers to have direct ties to renewable sources. In 2013, the total RPS obligation was 11.65 percent and it will ultimately reach 24.8 percent in 2025. Energy suppliers, like PSNH, purchase RECs from producers that generate energy from a qualifying resource and use them to satisfy the RPS requirements. PSNH also owns renewable sources and uses a portion of internally generated RECs and purchased RECs to meet its RPS obligations. To the extent that PSNH is unable to purchase sufficient RECs, it makes up the difference between the RECs purchased and its total obligation by making an alternative compliance payment for each REC requirement for which PSNH is deficient. The costs of both the RECs and alternative compliance payments are recovered by PSNH through its ES rates charged to customers.

The RECs generated from PSNH's Northern Wood Power Project, a wood-burning facility, are typically sold to other energy suppliers or load carrying entities and the net proceeds from the sale of these RECs are credited back to customers.

Similarly, Connecticut's RPS statute requires increasing percentages of the electricity sold to retail customers to have direct ties to renewable sources. In 2013, the total RPS obligation was 17 percent and will ultimately reach 27 percent in 2020. CL&P is permitted to recover any costs incurred in complying with RPS from its customers through rates.

Massachusetts RPS program also requires electricity suppliers to meet renewable energy standards. For 2013, the requirement was 15.1 percent, and will ultimately reach 27.1 percent in 2020. NSTAR Electric and WMECO are permitted to recover any costs incurred in complying with RPS from its customers through rates. WMECO also owns renewable solar generation resources. The RECs generated from WMECO's solar units are sold to other energy suppliers and the proceeds from these sales are credited back to customers.

Hazardous Materials Regulations

Prior to the last quarter of the 20th century, when environmental best practices laws and regulations were implemented, utility companies often disposed of residues from operations by depositing or burying them on-site or disposing of them at off-site landfills or other facilities. Typical materials disposed of include coal gasification byproducts, fuel oils, ash, and other materials that might contain polychlorinated biphenyls or that otherwise might be hazardous. It has since been determined that deposited or buried wastes, under certain circumstances, could cause groundwater contamination or create other environmental risks. We have recorded a liability for what we believe, based upon currently available information, is our estimated environmental investigation and/or remediation costs for waste disposal sites for which we expect to bear legal liability. We continue to evaluate the environmental impact of our former disposal practices. Under federal and state law, government agencies and private parties can attempt to impose liability on us for these practices. As of December 31, 2013, the liability recorded by us for our reasonably estimable and probable environmental remediation costs for known sites needing investigation and/or remediation, exclusive of recoveries from insurance or from third parties, was approximately \$35.4 million, representing 68 sites.

These costs could be significantly higher if remediation becomes necessary or when additional information as to the extent of contamination becomes available.

The most significant liabilities currently relate to future clean-up costs at former MGP facilities. These facilities were owned and operated by our predecessor companies from the mid-1800's to mid-1900's. By-products from the manufacture of gas using coal resulted in fuel oils, hydrocarbons, coal tar, purifier wastes, metals and other waste products that may pose risks to human health and the environment. We, through our subsidiaries, currently have partial or full ownership responsibilities at former MGP sites that have a reserve balance of \$31.4 million of the total \$35.4 million as of December 31, 2013. Predominantly all of these MGP costs are recoverable from customers through our rates.

Electric and Magnetic Fields

For more than twenty years, published reports have discussed the possibility of adverse health effects from electric and magnetic fields (EMF) associated with electric transmission and distribution facilities and appliances and wiring in buildings and homes. Although weak health risk associations reported in some epidemiology studies remain unexplained, most researchers, as well as numerous scientific review panels, considering all significant EMF epidemiology and laboratory studies, have concluded that the available body of scientific information does not support the conclusion that EMF affects human health.

In accordance with recommendations of various regulatory bodies and public health organizations, we reduce EMF associated with new transmission lines by the use of designs that can be implemented without additional cost or at a modest cost. We do not believe that other capital expenditures are appropriate to minimize unsubstantiated risks.

Global Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emission Issues

Global climate change and greenhouse gas emission issues have received an increased focus from state governments and the federal government. The EPA initiated a rulemaking addressing greenhouse gas emissions and, on December 7, 2009, issued a finding that concluded that greenhouse gas emissions are "air pollution" that endanger public health and welfare and should be regulated. The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. is the electricity generating sector. The EPA has mandated greenhouse gas emission reporting beginning in 2011 for emissions for certain aspects of our business including stationary combustion, volume of gas supplied to large customers and fugitive emissions of SF₆ gas and methane.

We are continually evaluating the regulatory risks and regulatory uncertainty presented by climate change concerns. Such concerns could potentially lead to additional rules and regulations that impact how we operate our business, both in terms of the generating facilities we own and operate as well as general utility operations. These could include federal "cap and trade" laws, carbon taxes, fuel and energy taxes, or regulations requiring additional capital expenditures at our generating facilities. We expect that any costs of these rules and regulations would be recovered from customers.

Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts are each members of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a cooperative effort by nine northeastern and mid-Atlantic states, to develop a regional program for stabilizing and reducing CO₂ emissions from fossil fueled electric generating plants. Because CO₂ allowances issued by any participating state are usable across all nine RGGI state programs, the individual state CO₂ trading programs, in the aggregate, form one regional compliance market for CO₂ emissions. A regulated power plant must hold CO₂ allowances equal to its emissions to demonstrate compliance at the end of a three year compliance period that began in 2012.

PSNH anticipates that its generating units will emit between two million and four million tons of CO₂ per year, depending on the capacity factor and the utilization of the respective generation plant, excluding emissions from the operation of PSNH's Northern Wood Power Project. New Hampshire legislation provides up to 1.5 million banked CO₂ allowances per year for PSNH's fossil fueled electric generating plants during the 2012 through 2014 compliance period. PSNH expects to satisfy its remaining RGGI requirements by purchasing CO₂ allowances at auction or in the secondary market. The cost of complying with RGGI requirements is recoverable from

PSNH customers. Current legislation provides a portion of the RGGI auction proceeds in excess of \$1 per allowance will be refunded to customers.

Because none of NU's other subsidiaries, CL&P, NSTAR Electric or WMECO, currently owns any generating assets (other than two solar photovoltaic facilities owned by WMECO that do not emit CO₂), none of them is required to acquire CO₂ allowances. However, the CO₂ allowance costs borne by the generating facilities that are utilized by wholesale suppliers to satisfy energy supply requirements to CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO will likely be included in the overall wholesale rates charged, which costs are then recoverable from customers.

FERC Hydroelectric Project Licensing

Federal Power Act licenses may be issued for hydroelectric projects for terms of 30 to 50 years as determined by the FERC. Upon the expiration of an existing license, (i) the FERC may issue a new license to the existing licensee, (ii) the United States may take over the project, or (iii) the FERC may issue a new license to a new licensee, upon payment to the existing licensee of the lesser of the fair value or the net investment in the project, plus severance damages, less certain amounts earned by the licensee in excess of a reasonable rate of return.

PSNH owns nine hydroelectric generating stations with a current claimed capability representing winter rates of approximately 71 MW, eight of which are licensed by the FERC under long-term licenses that expire on varying dates from 2017 through 2047. PSNH and its hydroelectric projects are subject to conditions set forth in such licenses, the Federal Power Act and related FERC regulations, including provisions related to the condemnation of a project upon payment of just compensation, amortization of project investment from excess project earnings, possible takeover of a project after expiration of its license upon payment of net investment and severance damages and other matters.

PSNH is currently involved with the early stages of relicensing at its Eastman Falls Hydro Station, which is comprised of two units, totaling 6.5 MW.

EMPLOYEES

As of December 31, 2013, NU employed a total of 8,697 employees, excluding temporary employees, of which 1,566 were employed by CL&P, 1,025 were employed by PSNH, 308 were employed by WMECO, and 2,194 were employed by NSTAR Electric. Approximately 48 percent of our employees are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Utility Workers Union of America or The United Steelworkers, and are covered by 13 collective bargaining agreements.

INTERNET INFORMATION

Our website address is www.nu.com. We make available through our website a link to the SEC's EDGAR website (<http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>), at which site NU's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports may be reviewed. Printed copies of these reports may be obtained free of charge by writing to our Investor Relations Department at Northeast Utilities, 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT 06037.

Item 1A.

Risk Factors

In addition to the matters set forth under "Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995" included immediately prior to Item 1, *Business*, above, we are subject to a variety of significant risks. Our susceptibility to certain risks, including those discussed in detail below, could exacerbate other risks. These risk factors should be considered carefully in evaluating our risk profile.

Cyber breaches, acts of war or terrorism, or grid disturbances could negatively impact our business.

Cyber intrusions targeting our information systems could impair our ability to properly manage our data, networks, systems and programs, adversely affect our business operations or lead to release of confidential customer information or critical operating information. While we have implemented measures designed to prevent cyber-attacks and mitigate their effects should they occur, our systems are vulnerable to unauthorized access and cyber intrusions. We cannot discount the possibility that a security breach may occur or quantify the potential impact of such an event.

Acts of war or terrorism could target our generation, transmission and distribution facilities or our data management systems. Such actions could impair our ability to manage these facilities or operate our system effectively, resulting in loss of service to customers.

Because our generation and transmission facilities are part of an interconnected regional grid, we face the risk of blackout due to a disruption on a neighboring interconnected system.

Any such cyber breaches, acts of war or terrorism, or grid disturbances could result in a significant decrease in revenues, significant expense to repair system damage or security breaches, and liability claims, which could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Our goodwill is valued and recorded at an amount that, if impaired and written down, could adversely affect our future operating results and total capitalization.

We have a significant amount of goodwill on our consolidated balance sheet. The carrying value of goodwill represents the fair value of an acquired business in excess of identifiable assets and liabilities as of the acquisition date. As of December 31, 2013, goodwill totaled \$3.5 billion, of which \$3.2 billion was attributable to the acquisition of NSTAR in April 2012. Total goodwill represented approximately 36 percent of our \$9.6 billion of shareholders equity and approximately 13 percent of our total assets of \$27.8 billion. We test our goodwill balances for impairment on an annual basis or whenever events occur or circumstances change that would indicate a potential for impairment. A determination that goodwill is deemed to be impaired would result in a non-cash charge that could materially adversely affect our results of operations and total capitalization. The annual goodwill impairment test in 2013 resulted in a conclusion that goodwill is not impaired.

Severe storms could cause significant damage to our electrical facilities requiring extensive expenditures, the recovery for which is subject to approval by regulators.

Severe weather, such as ice and snow storms, hurricanes and other natural disasters, may cause outages and property damage, which may require us to incur additional costs that may not be recoverable from customers. The cost of repairing damage to our operating subsidiaries' facilities and the potential disruption of their operations due to storms, natural disasters or other catastrophic events could be substantial, particularly as customers demand better and quicker response times to outages. If, upon review, any of our state regulatory authorities finds that our actions were imprudent, some of those restoration costs may not be recoverable from customers. The inability to recover a significant amount of such costs could have an adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

NU and its utility subsidiaries are exposed to significant reputational risks, which make them vulnerable to increased regulatory oversight or other sanctions.

Because utility companies, including our electric and natural gas utility subsidiaries, have large consumer customer bases, they are subject to adverse publicity focused on the reliability of their distribution services and the speed with which they are able to respond to electric outages, natural gas leaks and similar interruptions caused by storm damage or other unanticipated events. Adverse publicity of this nature could harm the reputations of NU and its subsidiaries, and may make state legislatures, utility commissions and other regulatory authorities less likely to view NU and its subsidiaries in a favorable light, and may cause NU and its subsidiaries to be subject to less favorable legislative and regulatory outcomes or increased regulatory oversight. Unfavorable regulatory outcomes can include more stringent laws and regulations governing our operations, such as reliability and customer service quality standards or vegetation management requirements, as well as fines, penalties or other sanctions or requirements. The imposition of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on business, results of operations, cash flow and financial condition of NU and each of its utility subsidiaries.

The Merger may present certain material risks to the Company's business and operations.

The Merger, described in Item 1, *Business*, may present certain risks to our business and operations including, among other things, risks that:

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We may be unable to successfully integrate the businesses and workforces of NSTAR with our businesses and workforces;

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Conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions relating to the Merger imposed on us by regulatory authorities may adversely affect our business and operations;

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We may be unable to avoid potential liabilities and unforeseen increased expenses or delays associated with integration plans;

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We may be unable to successfully manage the complex integration of systems, technology, networks and other assets in a manner that minimizes any adverse impact on customers, vendors, suppliers, employees and other constituencies;

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We may experience inconsistencies in each company's standards, controls, procedures and policies.

Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Merger will result in the realization of the full benefits of synergies, innovation and operational efficiencies that we currently expect, that these benefits will be achieved within the anticipated timeframe or that we will be able to fully and accurately measure any such synergies.

The actions of regulators can significantly affect our earnings, liquidity and business activities.

The rates that our Regulated companies charge their respective retail and wholesale customers are determined by their state utility commissions and by FERC. These commissions also regulate the companies' accounting, operations, the issuance of certain securities and certain other matters. FERC also regulates their transmission of electric energy, the sale of electric energy at wholesale, accounting, issuance of certain securities and certain other matters. The commissions' policies and regulatory actions could have a material impact on the Regulated companies' financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Our transmission, distribution and generation systems may not operate as expected, and could require unplanned expenditures, which could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Our ability to properly operate our transmission, distribution and generation systems is critical to the financial performance of our business. Our transmission, distribution and generation businesses face several operational risks, including the breakdown or failure of or damage to equipment or processes (especially due to age); labor disputes; disruptions in the delivery of electricity and natural gas, including impacts on us or our customers; increased capital expenditure requirements, including those due to environmental regulation; information security risk, such as a breach of our systems on which sensitive utility customer data and account information are stored; catastrophic events such as fires, explosions, or other similar occurrences; extreme weather conditions beyond equipment and plant design capacity; other unanticipated operations and maintenance expenses and liabilities; and potential claims for property damage or personal injuries beyond the scope of our insurance coverage. The failure of our transmission, distribution and generation systems to operate as planned may result in increased capital costs, reduced earnings or unplanned increases in operation and maintenance costs. At PSNH, outages at generating stations may be deemed imprudent by the NHPUC resulting in disallowance of replacement power costs. Such costs that are not recoverable from our customers would have an adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Limits on our access to and increases in the cost of capital may adversely impact our ability to execute our business plan.

We use short-term debt and the long-term capital markets as a significant source of liquidity and funding for capital requirements not obtained from our operating cash flow. If access to these sources of liquidity becomes constrained, our ability to implement our business strategy could be adversely affected. In addition, higher interest rates would increase our cost of borrowing, which could adversely impact our results of operations. A downgrade of our credit ratings or events beyond our control, such as a disruption in global capital and credit markets, could increase our cost of borrowing and cost of capital or restrict our ability to access the capital markets and negatively affect our ability to maintain and to expand our businesses.

Our counterparties may not meet their obligations to us or may elect to exercise their termination rights, which could adversely affect our earnings.

We are exposed to the risk that counterparties to various arrangements who owe us money, have contracted to supply us with energy, coal, or other commodities or services, or who work with us as strategic partners, including on significant capital projects, will not be able to perform their obligations, will terminate such arrangements or, with respect to our credit facilities, fail to honor their commitments. Should any of these counterparties fail to perform their obligations or terminate such arrangements, we might be forced to replace the underlying commitment at higher market prices and/or have to delay the completion of, or cancel a capital project. Should any lenders under our credit facilities fail to perform, the level of borrowing capacity under those arrangements could decrease. In any such events, our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows could be adversely affected.

Difficulties in obtaining necessary rights of way, or siting, design or other approvals for major transmission projects, environmental concerns or actions of regulatory authorities, communities or strategic partners may cause delays or cancellation of such projects, which would adversely affect our earnings.

Various factors could result in increased costs or result in delays or cancellation of our transmission projects. These include the regulatory approval process, environmental and community concerns, design and siting issues, difficulties in obtaining required rights of way and actions of strategic partners. Should any of these factors result in such delays or cancellations, our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows could be adversely affected.

Economic events or factors, changes in regulatory or legislative policy and/or regulatory decisions or construction of new generation may delay completion of or displace or result in the abandonment of our planned transmission projects or adversely affect our ability to recover our investments or result in lower than expected earnings.

Our transmission construction plans could be adversely affected by economic events or factors, new legislation, regulations, or judicial or regulatory interpretations of applicable law or regulations or regulatory decisions. Any of such events could cause delays in, or the inability to complete or abandonment of, economic or reliability related projects, which could adversely affect our ability to achieve forecasted earnings or to recover our investments or result in lower than expected rates of return. Recoverability of all such investments in rates may be subject to prudence review at the FERC. While we believe that all of such costs have been and will be prudently incurred, we cannot predict the outcome of future reviews should they occur.

In addition, our transmission projects may be delayed or displaced by new generation facilities, which could result in reduced transmission capital investments, reduced earnings, and limited future growth prospects.

Many of our transmission projects are expected to help alleviate identified reliability issues and reduce customers' costs. However, if, due to economic events or factors or further regulatory or other delays, the in-service date for one or more of these projects is delayed, there may be increased risk of failures in the electricity transmission system and supply interruptions or blackouts, which could have an adverse effect on our earnings.

The FERC has followed a policy of providing incentives designed to encourage the construction of new transmission facilities, including higher returns on equity and allowing facilities under construction to be placed in rate base. Our projected earnings and growth could be adversely affected were FERC to reduce these incentives in the future below the levels presently anticipated.

Increases in electric and gas prices and/or a weak economy, can lead to changes in legislative and regulatory policy promoting energy efficiency, conservation, and self-generation and/or a reduction in our customers ability to pay their bills, which may adversely impact our business.

Energy consumption is significantly impacted by the general level of economic activity and cost of energy supply. Economic downturns or periods of high energy supply costs typically can lead to the development of legislative and regulatory policy designed to promote reductions in energy consumption and increased energy efficiency and self-generation by customers. This focus on conservation, energy efficiency and self-generation may result in a decline in electricity and gas sales in our service territories. If any such declines were to occur without corresponding adjustments in rates, then our revenues would be reduced and our future growth prospects would be limited.

In addition, a period of prolonged economic weakness could impact customers ability to pay bills in a timely manner and increase customer bankruptcies, which may lead to increased bad debt expenses or other adverse effects on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Changes in regulatory and/or legislative policy could negatively impact our transmission planning and cost allocation rules.

The existing FERC-approved New England transmission tariff allocates the costs of transmission facilities that provide regional benefits to all customers of participating transmission-owning utilities. As new investment in regional transmission infrastructure occurs in any one state, its cost is shared across New England in accordance with a FERC approved formula found in the transmission tariff. All New England transmission owners' agreement to this regional cost allocation is set forth in the Transmission Operating Agreement. This agreement can be modified with the approval of a majority of the transmission owning utilities and approval by FERC. In addition, other parties, such as state regulators, may seek certain changes to the regional cost allocation formula, which could have adverse effects on the rates our distribution companies charge their retail customers.

FERC has issued rules requiring all regional transmission organizations and transmission owning utilities to make compliance changes to their tariffs and contracts in order to further encourage the construction of transmission for generation, including renewable generation. This compliance will require ISO-NE and New England transmission owners to develop methodologies that allow for regional planning and cost allocation for transmission projects chosen in the regional plan that are designed to meet public policy goals such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions or encouraging renewable generation. Such compliance may also allow non-incumbent utilities and other entities to participate in the planning and construction of new projects in our service area and regionally.

Changes in the Transmission Operating Agreement, the New England Transmission Tariff or legislative policy, or implementation of these new FERC planning rules, could adversely affect our transmission planning, our earnings and

our prospects for growth.

Changes in regulatory or legislative policy or unfavorable outcomes in regulatory proceedings could jeopardize our full and/or timely recovery of costs incurred by our regulated distribution and generation businesses.

Under state law, our Regulated companies are entitled to charge rates that are sufficient to allow them an opportunity to recover their reasonable operating and capital costs, to attract needed capital and maintain their financial integrity, while also protecting relevant public interests. Each of these companies prepares and submits periodic rate filings with their respective state regulatory commissions for review and approval. There is no assurance that these state commissions will approve the recovery of all such costs incurred by our Regulated companies, such as for construction, operation and maintenance, as well as a return on investment on their respective regulated assets. The amount of costs incurred by the Regulated companies, coupled with increases in fuel and energy prices, could lead to consumer or regulatory resistance to the timely recovery of such costs, thereby adversely affecting our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Additionally, state legislators may enact laws that significantly impact our Regulated companies' revenues, including by mandating electric or gas rate relief and/or by requiring surcharges to customer bills to support state programs not related to the utilities or energy policy. Such increases could pressure overall rates to our customers and our routine requests to regulators for rate relief.

In addition, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO procure energy for a substantial portion of their customers' needs via requests for proposal on an annual, semi-annual or quarterly basis. CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO receive approval to recover the costs of these contracts from the PURA and DPU, respectively. While both regulatory agencies have consistently approved the solicitation processes, results and recovery of costs, management cannot predict the outcome of future solicitation efforts or the regulatory proceedings related thereto.

PSNH meets most of its energy requirements through its own generation resources and fixed-price forward purchase contracts. PSNH's remaining energy needs are met primarily through spot market purchases. Unplanned forced outages of its generating plants could increase the level of energy purchases needed by PSNH and therefore increase the market risk associated with procuring the energy to meet its requirements. PSNH recovers these costs through its ES rate, subject to a prudence review by the NHPUC. We cannot predict the outcome of future regulatory proceedings related to recovery of these costs.

Migration of customers from PSNH energy service to competitive energy suppliers may increase the cost to the remaining customers of energy produced by PSNH generation assets.

The competitiveness of PSNH's ES rates are sensitive to the cost of fuels, most notably natural gas, and customer load. Recently, PSNH's ES rate has been higher than competitive energy prices offered to some customers. Further increases may occur as the costs associated with the Clean Air Project are included in rates. Customers remaining on PSNH's ES rate may experience an increase in cost due to the lower base over which to recover PSNH's fixed generation costs. Any such increase may in turn cause further migration and further impact PSNH's ES rate. This trend could lead to PSNH continuing to lose energy supply customers and increasing the burden of supporting the cost of its generation facilities on remaining customers and being unable to support the cost of its generation facilities through an ES rate, which could have an adverse impact on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Judicial or regulatory proceedings or changes in regulatory or legislative policy could jeopardize full recovery of costs incurred by PSNH in constructing the Clean Air Project.

Pursuant to New Hampshire law, PSNH placed the Clean Air Project in service at its Merrimack Station. PSNH's recovery of costs in constructing the project is subject to prudence review by the NHPUC. A material prudence disallowance could adversely affect PSNH's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. While we believe we have prudently incurred all expenditures to date, we cannot predict the outcome of any prudence reviews. Our projected earnings and growth could be adversely affected were the NHPUC to deny recovery of some or all of PSNH's investment in the project.

The loss of key personnel or the inability to hire and retain qualified employees could have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

Our operations depend on the continued efforts of our employees. Retaining key employees and maintaining the ability to attract new employees are important to both our operational and financial performance. We cannot guarantee that any member of our management or any key employee at the NU parent or subsidiary level will continue to serve in any capacity for any particular period of time. In addition, a significant portion of our workforce, including many workers with specialized skills maintaining and servicing the electrical infrastructure, will be eligible to retire over the next five to ten years. Such highly skilled individuals cannot be quickly replaced due to the technically complex work they perform. We have developed strategic workforce plans to identify key functions and proactively implement plans to assure a ready and qualified workforce, but cannot predict the impact of these plans on our ability to hire and retain key employees.

Market performance or changes in assumptions require us to make significant contributions to our pension and other post-employment benefit plans.

We provide a defined benefit pension plan and other post-retirement benefits for a substantial number of employees, former employees and retirees. Our future pension obligations, costs and liabilities are highly dependent on a variety of factors beyond our control. These factors include estimated investment returns, interest rates, discount rates, health care cost trends, benefit changes, salary increases and the demographics of plan participants. If our assumptions prove to be inaccurate, our future costs could increase significantly. In 2008 and 2009, due to the financial crisis, the value of our pension assets declined. As a result, in 2013, NU made contributions to the NUSCO Pension Plan totaling \$202.7 million and NSTAR Electric contributed \$82 million to the NSTAR Pension Plan. We expect to make contributions in 2014 totaling \$71.6 million. In addition, various factors, including underperformance of plan investments and changes in law or regulation, could increase the amount of contributions required to fund our pension plan in the future. Additional large funding requirements, when combined with the financing requirements of our construction program, could impact the timing and amount of future equity and debt financings and negatively affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Costs of compliance with environmental regulations, including climate change legislation, may increase and have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our subsidiaries' operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental statutes, rules and regulations that govern, among other things, air emissions, water discharges and the management of hazardous and solid waste. Compliance with these requirements requires us to incur significant costs relating to environmental monitoring, installation of pollution control equipment, emission fees, maintenance and upgrading of facilities, remediation and permitting. The costs of compliance with existing legal requirements or legal requirements not yet adopted may increase in the future. An increase in such costs, unless promptly recovered, could have an adverse impact on our business and our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In addition, global climate change issues have received an increased focus from federal and state governments, which could potentially lead to additional rules and regulations that impact how we operate our business, both in terms of the power plants we own and operate as well as general utility operations. Although we would expect that any costs of these rules and regulations would be recovered from customers, their impact on energy use by customers and the ultimate impact on our business would be dependent upon the specific rules and regulations adopted and cannot be determined at this time. The impact of these additional costs to customers could lead to a further reduction in energy consumption resulting in a decline in electricity and gas sales in our service territories, which would have an adverse impact on our business and financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Any failure by us to comply with environmental laws and regulations, even if due to factors beyond our control, or reinterpretations of existing requirements, could also increase costs. Existing environmental laws and regulations may be revised or new laws and regulations seeking to protect the environment may be adopted or become applicable to us. Revised or additional laws could result in

significant additional expense and operating restrictions on our facilities or increased compliance costs, which may not be fully recoverable in distribution company rates. The cost impact of any such laws, rules or regulations would be dependent upon the specific requirements adopted and cannot be determined at this time. For further information, see Item 1, *Business - Other Regulatory and Environmental Matters*, included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As a holding company with no revenue-generating operations, NU parent's liquidity is dependent on dividends from its subsidiaries, primarily the Regulated companies, its commercial paper program, and its ability to access the long-term debt and equity capital markets.

NU parent is a holding company and as such, has no revenue-generating operations of its own. Its ability to meet its debt service obligations and to pay dividends on its common shares is largely dependent on the ability of its subsidiaries to pay dividends to or repay borrowings from NU parent, and/or NU parent's ability to access its commercial paper program or the long-term debt and equity capital markets. Prior to funding NU parent, the Regulated companies have financial obligations that must be satisfied, including among others, their operating expenses, debt service, preferred dividends (in the case of CL&P and NSTAR Electric), and obligations to trade creditors. Additionally, the Regulated companies could retain their free cash flow to fund their capital expenditures in lieu of receiving equity contributions from NU parent. Should the Regulated companies not be able to pay dividends or repay funds due to NU parent, or if NU parent cannot access its commercial paper programs or the long-term debt and equity capital markets, NU parent's ability to pay interest, dividends and its own debt obligations would be restricted.

Item 1B.

Unresolved Staff Comments

We do not have any unresolved SEC staff comments.

Item 2.

Properties

Transmission and Distribution System

As of December 31, 2013, NU and our electric operating subsidiaries owned the following:

| NU | Electric Distribution | Electric Transmission |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of substations owned | 520 | 62 |
| Transformer capacity (in kVa) | 41,928,000 | 17,827,000 |
| Overhead lines (distribution in pole miles and transmission in circuit miles) | 52,022 | 3,870 |

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| Capacity range of overhead transmission lines (in kV) | | 69 to 345 |
| Underground lines (distribution in conduit bank miles and transmission in cable miles) | 12,785 | 677 |
| Capacity range of underground transmission lines (in kV) | | 69 to 345 |

| | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO | |
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| | Distribution | Transmission | Distribution | Transmission | Distribution | Transmission | Distribution | Transmission |
| Number of substations owned | 183 | 19 | 138 | 20 | 156 | 15 | 43 | |
| Transformer capacity (in kVa) | 18,951,000 | 3,117,000 | 11,374,000 | 9,575,000 | 7,617,000 | 3,868,000 | 3,986,000 | 1,260,000 |
| Overhead lines (distribution in pole miles and transmission in circuit miles) | 18,375 | 1,654 | 16,579 | 708 | 13,274 | 1,003 | 3,794 | |
| Capacity range of overhead transmission lines (in kV) | | 69-345 | | 115-345 | | 115-345 | | 69-345 |
| Underground lines (distribution in conduit bank miles and transmission in cable miles) | 1,171 | 402 | 9,592 | 243 | 1,730 | 1 | 292 | |
| Capacity range of underground transmission lines (in kV) | | 69-345 | | 115-345 | | 115 | | |
| Underground and overhead line transformers in service | | NU | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO | | |
| | | 627,962 | 286,922 | 131,500 | 166,866 | 42,674 | | |

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Aggregate capacity (in kVa) | 34,361,049 | 14,946,332 | 10,289,291 | 7,024,239 | 2,101,187 |
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Electric Generating Plants

As of December 31, 2013, PSNH owned the following electric generating plants:

| Type of Plant | Number of Units | Year Installed | Claimed Capability* (kilowatts) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Fossil Steam Plants | 5 units | 1952-74 | 935,343 |
| Hydro | 20 units | 1901-83 | 60,736 |
| Internal Combustion | 5 units | 1968-70 | 101,868 |
| Biomass | 1 unit | 2006 | 42,594 |
| Total PSNH Generating Plant | 31 units | | 1,140,541 |

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Claimed capability represents winter ratings as of December 31, 2013. The combined nameplate capacity of the generating plants is approximately 1,200 MW.

As of December 31, 2013, WMECO owned the following electric generating plants:

| Type of Plant | Number of Sites | Year Installed | Claimed Capability** (kilowatts) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Solar Fixed Tilt, Photovoltaic | 2 sites | 2010-11 | 4,100 |

** Claimed capability represents the direct current nameplate capacity of the plant.

CL&P and NSTAR Electric do not own any electric generating plants.

Natural Gas Distribution System

As of December 31, 2013, Yankee Gas owned 28 active gate stations, 206 district regulator stations, and 3,291 miles of natural gas main pipeline. Yankee Gas also owns a 1.2 Bcf LNG facility in Waterbury, Connecticut.

As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Gas owned 21 active gate stations, 145 district regulator stations, and 3,213 miles of natural gas main pipeline. NSTAR Gas and Hopkinton own a satellite vaporization plant and above ground cryogenic storage tanks. In addition, Hopkinton owns a liquefaction and vaporization plant. Combined, the tanks have an aggregate storage capacity equivalent to 3.5 Bcf of natural gas.

Franchises

CL&P Subject to the power of alteration, amendment or repeal by the General Assembly of Connecticut and subject to certain approvals, permits and consents of public authority and others prescribed by statute, CL&P has, subject to certain exceptions not deemed material, valid franchises free from burdensome restrictions to provide electric transmission and distribution services in the respective areas in which it is now supplying such service.

In addition to the right to provide electric transmission and distribution services as set forth above, the franchises of CL&P include, among others, limited rights and powers, as set forth under Connecticut law and the special acts of the General Assembly constituting its charter, to manufacture, generate, purchase and/or sell electricity at retail, including to provide Standard Service, Supplier of Last Resort service and backup service, to sell electricity at wholesale and to erect and maintain certain facilities on public highways and grounds, all subject to such consents and approvals of public authority and others as may be required by law. The franchises of CL&P include the power of eminent domain. Connecticut law prohibits an electric distribution company from owning or operating generation assets.

However, under "An Act Concerning Energy Independence," enacted in 2005, CL&P is permitted to own up to 200 MW of peaking facilities if the PURA determines that such facilities will be more cost effective than other options for mitigating FMCC and Locational Installed Capacity (LICAP) costs. In addition, under "An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency," enacted in 2007, an electric distribution company, such as CL&P, is permitted to purchase an existing electric generating plant located in Connecticut that is offered for sale, subject to prior approval from the PURA and a determination by the PURA that such purchase is in the public interest. Finally, Connecticut law also allows CL&P to submit a proposal to the DEEP to build, own or operate one or more generation facilities up to 10 MWs using Class 1 renewable energy.

NSTAR ELECTRIC AND NSTAR GAS Through their charters, which are unlimited in time, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas have the right to engage in the business of delivering and selling electricity and natural gas within their respective service territories, and have powers incidental thereto and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of and subject to the duties imposed upon electric and natural gas companies under Massachusetts laws. The locations in public ways for electric transmission and distribution lines and gas distribution pipelines are obtained from municipal and other state authorities who, in granting these locations, act as agents for the state. In some cases the actions of these authorities are subject to appeal to the DPU. The rights to these locations are not limited in

time and are subject to the action of these authorities and the legislature. Under Massachusetts law, with the exception of municipal-owned utilities, no other entity may provide electric or gas delivery service to retail customers within NSTAR's service territory without the written consent of NSTAR Electric and/or NSTAR Gas. This consent must be filed with the DPU and the municipality so affected.

The Massachusetts restructuring legislation defines service territories as those territories actually served on July 1, 1997 and following municipal boundaries to the extent possible. The restructuring legislation further provides that until terminated by law or otherwise, distribution companies shall have the exclusive obligation to serve all retail customers within their service territories and no other person shall provide distribution service within such service territories without the written consent of such distribution companies. Pursuant to the Massachusetts restructuring legislation, the DPU (then, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy) was required to define service territories for each distribution company, including NSTAR Electric. The DPU subsequently determined that there were advantages to the exclusivity of service territories and issued a report to the Massachusetts Legislature recommending against, in this regard, any changes to the restructuring legislation.

PSNH The NHPUC, pursuant to statutory requirements, has issued orders granting PSNH exclusive franchises to distribute electricity in the respective areas in which it is now supplying such service.

In addition to the right to distribute electricity as set forth above, the franchises of PSNH include, among others, rights and powers to manufacture, generate, purchase, and transmit electricity, to sell electricity at wholesale to other utility companies and municipalities and to erect and maintain certain facilities on certain public highways and grounds, all subject to such consents and approvals of public authority and others as may be required by law. PSNH's status as a public utility gives it the ability to petition the NHPUC for the right to exercise eminent domain for its transmission and distribution services in appropriate circumstances.

PSNH is also subject to certain regulatory oversight by the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Vermont Public Service Board.

WMECO WMECO is authorized by its charter to conduct its electric business in the territories served by it, and has locations in the public highways for transmission and distribution lines. Such locations are granted pursuant to the laws of Massachusetts by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts or local municipal authorities and are of unlimited duration, but the rights thereby granted are not vested. Such locations are for specific lines only and for extensions of lines in public highways. Further similar locations must be obtained from the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts or the local municipal authorities. In addition, WMECO has been granted easements for its lines in the Massachusetts Turnpike by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and pursuant to state laws, has the power of eminent domain.

The Massachusetts restructuring legislation applicable to NSTAR Electric (described above) is also applicable to WMECO.

Yankee Gas Yankee Gas holds valid franchises to sell gas in the areas in which Yankee Gas supplies gas service, which it acquired either directly or from its predecessors in interest. Generally, Yankee Gas holds franchises to serve customers in areas designated by those franchises as well as in most other areas throughout Connecticut so long as those areas are not occupied and served by another gas utility under a valid franchise of its own or are not subject to an exclusive franchise of another gas utility. Yankee Gas franchises are perpetual but remain subject to the power of alteration, amendment or repeal by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, the power of revocation by the PURA and certain approvals, permits and consents of public authorities and others prescribed by statute. Generally, Yankee Gas franchises include, among other rights and powers, the right and power to manufacture, generate, purchase, transmit and distribute gas and to erect and maintain certain facilities on public highways and grounds, and the right of eminent domain, all subject to such consents and approvals of public authorities and others as may be required by law.

Item 3.

Legal Proceedings

1.

Yankee Companies v. U.S. Department of Energy

DOE Phase I Damages In 1998, the Yankee Companies (CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC) filed separate complaints against the DOE in the Court of Federal Claims seeking monetary damages resulting from the DOE's failure to begin accepting spent nuclear fuel for disposal by January 31, 1998 pursuant to the terms of the 1983 spent fuel and high level waste disposal contracts between the Yankee Companies and the DOE (DOE Phase I Damages). Phase I covered damages for the period 1998 through 2002. Following multiple appeals and cross-appeals in December 2012, the judgment awarding CYAPC \$39.6 million, YAEC \$38.3 million and MYAPC \$81.7 million became final.

In January 2013, the proceeds from the DOE Phase I Damages Claim were received by the Yankee Companies and transferred to each Yankee Company's respective decommissioning trust. As a result of NU's consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, the financial statements reflected an increase of \$77.9 million in marketable securities for CYAPC and YAEC's Phase I damage awards that were invested in the nuclear decommissioning trusts in 2013.

On May 1, 2013, CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC filed applications with the FERC to reduce rates in their wholesale power contracts through the application of the DOE proceeds for the benefit of customers. In its June 27, 2013 order, the FERC granted the proposed rate reductions, and changes to the terms of the wholesale power contracts to become effective on July 1, 2013. In accordance with the FERC order, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO began receiving the benefit of the DOE proceeds, and the benefits have been or will be passed on to customers.

DOE Phase II Damages - In December 2007, the Yankee Companies each filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE seeking recovery of actual damages incurred in the years following 2001 and 2002 related to the alleged failure of the DOE to provide for a permanent facility to store spent nuclear fuel generated in years after 2001 for CYAPC and YAEC and after 2002 for MYAPC (DOE Phase II Damages). On November 18, 2011, the court ordered the record closed in the YAEC case, and closed the record in the CYAPC and MYAPC cases subject to a limited opportunity of the government to reopen the records for further limited proceedings.

On November 15, 2013, the court issued a final judgment awarding CYAPC \$126.3 million, YAEC \$73.3 million, and MYAPC \$35.8 million. On January 14, 2014, the Yankee Companies received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice stating that the DOE will not appeal the court's final judgment. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO, CYAPC, and YAEC have not reflected the impact of these expected receivables on their financial statements.

The methodology for applying the DOE Phase II Damages recovered from the DOE for the benefit of customers of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will be addressed in FERC rate proceedings.

DOE Phase III Damages - On August 15, 2013, the Yankee Companies each filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE seeking recovery of actual damages incurred in the years 2009 through 2012. Responsive pleading from the Department of Justice was filed on November 18, 2013, and discovery is expected to begin once a protective order is in place.

2.

Conservation Law Foundation v. PSNH

On July 21, 2011, the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) filed a citizens suit under the provisions of the federal Clean Air Act against PSNH alleging permitting violations at the company's Merrimack generating station. The suit alleges that PSNH failed to have proper permits for replacement of the Unit 2 turbine at Merrimack, installation of activated carbon injection equipment for the unit, and violated a permit condition concerning operation of the electrostatic precipitators at the station. The suit seeks injunctive relief, civil penalties, and costs. CLF has pursued similar claims before the NHPUC, the N.H. Air Resources Council, and the N.H. Site Evaluation Committee, all of which have been denied. PSNH believes this suit is without merit and intends to defend it vigorously. On September 27, 2012, the federal court dismissed portions of CLF's suit pertaining to the installation of activated carbon injection and the electrostatic precipitators. The case is expected to proceed to trial over the course of the next two years.

3.

Other Legal Proceedings

For further discussion of legal proceedings, see Item 1, *Business*: "- Electric Distribution Segment," "- Electric Transmission Segment," and "- Natural Gas Distribution Segment" for information about various state regulatory and rate proceedings, civil lawsuits related thereto, and information about proceedings relating to power, transmission and pricing issues; "- Nuclear Decommissioning" for information related to high-level nuclear waste; and "- Other Regulatory and Environmental Matters" for information about proceedings involving surface water and air quality requirements, toxic substances and hazardous waste, electric and magnetic fields, licensing of hydroelectric projects, and other matters. In addition, see Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, for general information about several significant risks.

Item 4.

Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following table sets forth the executive officers of NU as of February 15, 2014. All of the Company's officers serve terms of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified:

| Name | Age | Title |
|-----------------------|-----|---|
| Jay S. Buth | 44 | Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. |
| Gregory B. Butler | 56 | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. |
| Christine M. Carmody* | 51 | Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NUSCO. |
| James J. Judge | 58 | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. |
| Thomas J. May | 66 | Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer. |
| David R. McHale | 53 | Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. |
| Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.* | 50 | Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of NUSCO. |
| Leon J. Olivier | 65 | Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. |

* Deemed an executive officer of NU pursuant to Rule 3b-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Jay S. Buth. Mr. Buth has served as Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Previously, Mr. Buth served as Vice President-Accounting and Controller of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from June 2009 until April 10, 2012. From June 2006 through January 2009, Mr. Buth served as the Vice President and

Controller for New Jersey Resources Corporation, an energy services holding company that provides natural gas and wholesale energy services, including transportation, distribution and asset management.

Gregory B. Butler. Mr. Butler has served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of NU and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since April 10, 2012. He has served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since March 9, 2006. Mr. Butler has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of NUSCO since November 27, 2012, and of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 22, 2009. Previously Mr. Butler served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of NU from December 1, 2005 to April 10, 2012. Mr. Butler has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since December 1, 2002.

Christine M. Carmody. Ms. Carmody has served as Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NUSCO since April 10, 2012 and of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since November 27, 2012. She has served as Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since August 1, 2008. Ms. Carmody has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 10, 2012, and of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, and NUSCO since November 27, 2012. Previously, Ms. Carmody served as Vice President-Organizational Effectiveness of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from June 2006 to August 2008. Ms. Carmody has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. She has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since August 1, 2008.

James J. Judge. Mr. Judge has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. Judge has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since September 27, 1999. Previously, Mr. Judge served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from 1999 until April 2012. Mr. Judge has served as Treasurer and a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since December 12, 1995.

Thomas J. May. Mr. May has served as Chairman of the Board of NU since October 10, 2013, and President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee of NU; Chairman and a Director of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas; and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director of NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. May has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas (or their predecessor companies) since September 27, 1999. Previously, Mr. May served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee of NSTAR, and as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas until April 10, 2012. He served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee since NSTAR was formed in 1999, and was elected President in 2002. Mr. May has served as Chairman of the Board and President of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since October 15, 2013, and has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since August 18, 1987.

David R. McHale. Mr. McHale has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. McHale has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since November 27, 2012, of PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since January 1, 2005, and of CL&P since January 15, 2007. Previously, Mr. McHale served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from January 2009 to April 2012, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, PSNH,

WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from January 2005 to December 2008. Mr. McHale has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since January 1, 2005.

Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. Mr. Nolan has served as Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. He has served as Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since November 27, 2012. Mr. Nolan has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 10, 2012, and of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and NUSCO since November 27, 2012.

Previously, Mr. Nolan served as Senior Vice President-Customer & Corporate Relations of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from 2006 until April 10, 2012. Mr. Nolan has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012, and has served as Executive Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since October 15, 2013. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since October 1, 2000.

Leon J. Olivier. Mr. Olivier has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NU and NUSCO since May 13, 2008. He became Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas on April 10, 2012.

Mr. Olivier has served as Chief Executive Officer of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since January 15, 2007. Mr. Olivier has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since November 27, 2012, of PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since January 17, 2005, and of CL&P effective September 10, 2001. Previously, Mr. Olivier served as Executive Vice President-Operations of NU from February 13, 2007 to May 12, 2008.

Mr. Olivier has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 1, 2006.

PART II**Item 5.****Market for the Registrants' Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

(a)

Market Information and (c) Dividends

NU. Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The ticker symbol is "NU," although it is frequently presented as "Noeast Util" and/or "NE Util" in various financial publications. The high and low sales prices of our common shares and the dividends declared, for the past two years, by quarter, are shown below.

| Year | Quarter | High | Low | Dividends Declared |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 2013 | First | \$ 43.49 | \$ 38.60 | \$ 0.368 |
| | Second | 45.66 | 39.35 | 0.368 |
| | Third | 45.13 | 40.01 | 0.368 |
| | Fourth | 43.75 | 40.60 | 0.368 |
| 2012 | First | \$ 37.64 | \$ 33.48 | \$ 0.294 |
| | Second | 39.09 | 34.84 | 0.343 |
| | Third | 40.86 | 36.68 | 0.343 |
| | Fourth | 40.38 | 37.53 | 0.343 |

Information with respect to dividend restrictions for us, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO is contained in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, under the caption "Liquidity" and Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, in the *Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*, within this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

There is no established public trading market for the common stock of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. All of the common stock of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO is held solely by NU.

During 2013 and 2012, CL&P approved and paid \$152 million and \$100.5 million, respectively, of common stock dividends to NU.

During 2013, NSTAR Electric approved and paid \$56 million of common stock dividends to its parent company. For the period April 10, 2012 to December 31, 2012, NSTAR Electric approved and paid \$159.9 million of common stock dividends to its parent company.

During 2013 and 2012, PSNH approved and paid \$68 million and \$90.7 million, respectively, of common stock dividends to NU.

During 2013 and 2012, WMECO approved and paid \$40 million and \$9.4 million, respectively, of common stock dividends to NU.

(b)

Holdings

As of January 31, 2014, there were 46,983 registered common shareholders of our company on record. As of the same date, there were a total of 315,434,940 common shares issued.

(c)

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

For information regarding securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, see Item 12, *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters*, included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(d)

Performance Graph

The performance graph below illustrates a five-year comparison of cumulative total returns based on an initial investment of \$100 in 2008 in Northeast Utilities common stock, as compared with the S&P 500 Stock Index and the EEI Index for the period 2009 through 2013, assuming all dividends are reinvested.

(e)

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The following table discloses purchases of shares of our common stock made by us or on our behalf for the periods shown below.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as | | Approximate Dollar |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans and Programs (at month end) |
| October 1 - October 31, 2013 | - | \$ - | - | - | - |
| November 1 - November 30, 2013 | - | - | - | - | - |
| December 1 - December 31, 2013 | 75,700 | 42.22 | - | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|-------|--------|----|-------|---|---|
| Total | 75,700 | \$ | 42.22 | - | - |
|-------|--------|----|-------|---|---|

Item 6.**Selected Consolidated Financial Data****NU Selected Consolidated Financial Data (Unaudited)**

| <i>(Thousands of Dollars, except percentages and common share information)</i> | 2013 | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance Sheet Data: | | | | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | \$ 17,576,186 | \$ 16,605,010 | \$ 10,403,065 | \$ 9,567,726 | \$ 8,839,965 |
| Total Assets | 27,795,537 | 28,302,824 | 15,647,066 | 14,472,601 | 14,057,679 |
| Total Capitalization (b) (c) | 18,077,274 | 17,356,112 | 9,078,321 | 8,627,985 | 8,253,323 |
| Obligations Under Capital Leases (b) | 10,744 | 11,071 | 12,358 | 12,236 | 12,873 |
| Income Statement Data: | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 7,301,204 | \$ 6,273,787 | \$ 4,465,657 | \$ 4,898,167 | \$ 5,439,430 |
| Net Income | 793,689 | 533,077 | 400,513 | 394,107 | 335,592 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 7,682 | 7,132 | 5,820 | 6,158 | 5,559 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 786,007 | \$ 525,945 | \$ 394,693 | \$ 387,949 | \$ 330,033 |
| Common Share Data: | | | | | |
| Basic Earnings Per Common Share: | | | | | |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interests | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.90 | \$ 2.22 | \$ 2.20 | \$ 1.91 |
| Diluted Earnings Per Common Share: | | | | | |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.22 | \$ 2.19 | \$ 1.91 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding | | | | | |
| Basic | 315,311,387 | 277,209,819 | 177,410,167 | 176,636,086 | 172,567,928 |

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Diluted | 316,211,160 | 277,993,631 | 177,804,568 | 176,885,387 | 172,717,246 |
| Dividends Declared Per Share | \$ 1.47 | \$ 1.32 | \$ 1.10 | \$ 1.03 | \$ 0.95 |
| Market Price - Closing (high) (d) | \$ 45.33 | \$ 40.57 | \$ 36.31 | \$ 32.05 | \$ 26.33 |
| Market Price - Closing (low) (d) | \$ 38.67 | \$ 33.53 | \$ 30.46 | \$ 24.78 | \$ 19.45 |
| Market Price - Closing (end of year) (d) | \$ 42.39 | \$ 39.08 | \$ 36.07 | \$ 31.88 | \$ 25.79 |
| Book Value Per Share (end of year) | \$ 30.49 | \$ 29.41 | \$ 22.65 | \$ 21.60 | \$ 20.37 |
| Tangible Book Value Per Share (end of year) (e) | \$ 19.32 | \$ 18.21 | \$ 21.03 | \$ 19.97 | \$ 18.74 |
| Rate of Return Earned on Average Common Equity (%) (f) | 8.3 | 7.9 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 10.2 |
| Market-to-Book Ratio (end of year) (g) | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Capitalization: | | | | | |
| Total Equity | 53 % | 53 % | 44 % | 44 % | 44 % |
| Preferred Stock, not subject to mandatory redemption | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Long-Term Debt (b) (c) | 46 | 46 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

- (a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.
- (b) Includes portions due within one year.
- (c) Excludes RRBs.
- (d) Market price information reflects closing prices as reflected by the New York Stock Exchange.
- (e) Common Shareholder's Equity adjusted for goodwill and intangibles divided by total common shares outstanding.
- (f) Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest divided by average Common Shareholders' Equity.
- (g) The closing market price divided by the book value per share.

CL&P Selected Financial Data (Unaudited)

| <i>(Thousands of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,442,341 | \$ 2,407,449 | \$ 2,548,387 | \$ 2,999,102 | \$ 3,424,538 |
| Net Income | 279,412 | 209,725 | 250,164 | 244,143 | 216,316 |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | 151,999 | 100,486 | 243,218 | 217,691 | 113,848 |
| | 6,451,259 | 6,152,959 | 5,827,384 | 5,586,504 | 5,340,561 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | | | | | |
| Total Assets | 8,980,502 | 9,142,088 | 8,791,396 | 8,255,192 | 8,364,564 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | - | - | - | 195,587 |
| Long-Term Debt (a) (b) | 2,741,208 | 2,862,790 | 2,583,753 | 2,583,102 | 2,582,361 |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 116,200 | 116,200 | 116,200 | 116,200 | 116,200 |
| Obligations Under Capital Leases (a) | 9,309 | 9,960 | 10,715 | 10,613 | 10,956 |

(a) Includes portions due within one year.

(b) Excludes RRBs.

See the *Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a description of any accounting changes materially affecting the comparability of the information reflected in the tables above.

**NU Selected
Consolidated Sales
Statistics**

| | 2013 | 2012 (a) | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Revenues: (Thousands) | | | | | |
| Residential | \$ 3,073,181 | \$ 2,731,951 | \$ 2,091,270 | \$ 2,336,078 | \$ 2,569,278 |
| Commercial | 2,387,535 | 1,604,661 | 1,236,374 | 1,346,228 | 1,495,821 |
| Industrial | 339,917 | 753,974 | 252,878 | 268,598 | 297,854 |
| Wholesale | 486,515 | 357,223 | 350,413 | 506,475 | 445,261 |
| Miscellaneous and Eliminations | 56,547 | 130,137 | 47,485 | (29,878) | 128,118 |
| Total Electric | 6,343,695 | 5,577,946 | 3,978,420 | 4,427,501 | 4,936,332 |
| Natural Gas | 855,601 | 572,857 | 430,799 | 434,277 | 449,571 |
| Total - Regulated Companies | 7,199,296 | 6,150,803 | 4,409,219 | 4,861,778 | 5,385,903 |
| Other and Eliminations | 101,908 | 122,984 | 56,438 | 36,389 | 53,527 |
| Total | \$ 7,301,204 | \$ 6,273,787 | \$ 4,465,657 | \$ 4,898,167 | \$ 5,439,430 |

**Regulated Companies -
Sales: (GWh)**

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Residential | 21,896 | 19,719 | 14,766 | 14,913 | 14,412 |
| Commercial | 27,787 | 24,537 | 14,628 | 14,836 | 14,810 |
| Industrial | 5,648 | 5,462 | 4,418 | 4,481 | 4,423 |
| Wholesale | 855 | 2,154 | 1,020 | 3,423 | 4,183 |
| Total | 56,186 | 51,872 | 34,832 | 37,653 | 37,828 |

**Regulated Companies -
Customers: (Average)**

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Residential | 2,718,727 | 2,711,407 | 1,710,342 | 1,704,197 | 1,696,756 |
| Commercial | 371,897 | 370,389 | 199,240 | 198,558 | 196,813 |
| Industrial | 8,109 | 8,279 | 7,083 | 7,150 | 7,207 |
| Total Electric | 3,098,733 | 3,090,075 | 1,916,665 | 1,909,905 | 1,900,776 |
| Natural Gas | 493,563 | 483,770 | 207,753 | 205,885 | 206,438 |
| Total | 3,592,296 | 3,573,845 | 2,124,418 | 2,115,790 | 2,107,214 |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

CL&P Selected Sales Statistics

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Revenues: (Thousands) | | | | | |
| Residential | \$ 1,294,160 | \$ 1,263,845 | \$ 1,345,290 | \$ 1,597,754 | \$ 1,840,750 |
| Commercial | 780,585 | 732,620 | 758,145 | 853,956 | 958,224 |

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Industrial | | 129,557 | 126,165 | 126,783 | 144,463 | 151,839 |
| Wholesale | | 219,367 | 214,807 | 278,751 | 441,660 | 386,034 |
| Miscellaneous | | 18,672 | 70,012 | 39,418 | (38,731) | 87,691 |
| Total | \$ | 2,442,341 | \$ 2,407,449 | \$ 2,548,387 | \$ 2,999,102 | \$ 3,424,538 |
| Sales: (GWh) | | | | | | |
| Residential | | 10,314 | 9,978 | 10,092 | 10,196 | 9,848 |
| Commercial | | 9,770 | 9,705 | 9,809 | 10,002 | 9,991 |
| Industrial | | 2,320 | 2,426 | 2,414 | 2,467 | 2,427 |
| Wholesale | | 851 | 1,155 | 1,592 | 3,040 | 3,434 |
| Total | | 23,255 | 23,264 | 23,907 | 25,705 | 25,700 |
| Customers: (Average) | | | | | | |
| Residential | | 1,105,417 | 1,103,397 | 1,100,740 | 1,096,576 | 1,093,229 |
| Commercial | | 108,735 | 108,589 | 108,235 | 107,532 | 107,121 |
| Industrial | | 3,247 | 3,301 | 3,331 | 3,359 | 3,381 |
| Total | | 1,217,399 | 1,215,287 | 1,212,306 | 1,207,467 | 1,203,731 |

Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related combined notes included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. References in this Annual Report to "NU," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Northeast Utilities and its consolidated subsidiaries. All per share amounts are reported on a diluted basis. The consolidated financial statements of NU, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the financial statements of CL&P and WMECO are herein collectively referred to as the "financial statements."

Refer to the Glossary of Terms included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for abbreviations and acronyms used throughout this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

The only common equity securities that are publicly traded are common shares of NU. The earnings and EPS of each business discussed below do not represent a direct legal interest in the assets and liabilities allocated to such business but rather represent a direct interest in our assets and liabilities as a whole. EPS by business is a financial measure not recognized under GAAP that is calculated by dividing the Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest of each business by the weighted average diluted NU common shares outstanding for the year. The discussion below also includes non-GAAP financial measures referencing our 2013, 2012 and 2011 earnings and EPS excluding certain integration and merger costs related to NU's merger with NSTAR and a 2011 non-recurring charge at CL&P for the establishment of a reserve to provide bill credits to its residential customers and donations to charitable organizations. We use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate and to provide details of earnings by business and to more fully compare and explain our 2013, 2012 and 2011 results without including the impact of these non-recurring items. Due to the nature and significance of these items on Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest, we believe that the non-GAAP presentation is more representative of our financial performance and provides additional and useful information to readers of this report in analyzing historical and future performance by business. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as an alternative to reported Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest or EPS determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance.

Reconciliations of the above non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures of consolidated diluted EPS and Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest are included under "Financial Condition and Business Analysis Overview Consolidated" in *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, herein.

Financial Condition and Business Analysis

Merger with NSTAR:

On April 10, 2012, we completed our merger with NSTAR. Unless otherwise noted, the results of NSTAR and its subsidiaries, hereinafter referred to as "NSTAR," are included in NSTAR's financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, for the full year ended December 31, 2013, and for the period beginning April 10, 2012 through December 31, 2012 throughout this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

Executive Summary

The following items in this executive summary are explained in more detail in this Annual Report:

Results:

We earned \$786 million, or \$2.49 per share, in 2013, compared with \$525.9 million, or \$1.89 per share, in 2012. Excluding after-tax integration and merger-related costs of \$13.8 million, or \$0.04 per share, in 2013 and \$107.6 million, or \$0.39 per share, in 2012, we earned \$799.8 million, or \$2.53 per share, in 2013 and \$633.5 million, or \$2.28 per share, in 2012.

Our electric distribution segment, which includes generation, earned \$427 million, or \$1.35 per share, in 2013, compared with \$292.3 million, or \$1.04 per share, in 2012. The 2012 results include \$51.1 million, or \$0.19 per share, of after-tax merger settlement agreement costs.

Our transmission segment earned \$287 million, or \$0.91 per share, in 2013, compared with \$249.7 million, or \$0.90 per share, in 2012.

Our natural gas distribution segment earned \$60.9 million, or \$0.19 per share, in 2013, compared with \$30.8 million, or \$0.11 per share, in 2012. The 2012 results include \$2.1 million, or \$0.01 per share, of after-tax merger settlement agreement costs.

NU parent and other companies recorded earnings of \$11.1 million, or \$0.04 per share, in 2013, compared with net losses of \$46.9 million, or \$0.16 per share, in 2012. The 2013 and 2012 results include \$13.8 million, or \$0.04 per share, and \$54.4 million, or \$0.19 per share, respectively, of after-tax integration and merger-related costs.

We project to make capital expenditures of approximately \$7.6 billion from 2014 through 2017. Of the \$7.6 billion, we expect to invest approximately \$3.5 billion in our electric and natural gas distribution segments and \$3.7 billion in our electric transmission segment. In addition, we project to invest approximately \$400 million for our corporate service companies.

Legislative, Regulatory, Policy and Other Items:

In 2013, CL&P and NSTAR Electric filed a request with the PURA and DPU, respectively, seeking approval to recover storm restoration costs. On December 30, 2013, the DPU approved recovery of NSTAR Electric's \$34.2 million in storm restoration costs. On February 3, 2014, the PURA issued a draft decision, approving recovery of CL&P's \$365 million in storm restoration costs.

In 2013, Connecticut enacted into law two significant energy bills. The first law implemented a number of the recommendations proposed in the Connecticut comprehensive energy strategy (CES), including the expansion of natural gas service, and required PURA to implement decoupling for each of Connecticut's electric and natural gas utilities in their next respective rate cases. The second law allows DEEP to conduct a process that will ultimately help Connecticut meet its Renewable Portfolio Standard by authorizing the state's electric distribution companies to enter into long-term power purchase agreements.

On November 22, 2013, the PURA issued a final decision approving a comprehensive joint natural gas infrastructure expansion plan (expansion plan), consistent with the goals of the CES, that was filed in June 2013 by Yankee Gas and other Connecticut natural gas distribution companies. The expansion plan described how Yankee Gas expects to add approximately 82,000 new natural gas heating customers over the next 10 years.

On July 1, 2013, NPT filed an amendment to the Department of Energy (DOE) Presidential Permit Application for a proposed improved route in the northernmost section of the project area. The DOE completed its public scoping meeting process and the majority of its seasonal field work and environmental data collection. On December 11, 2013, NPT filed an amendment to the Transmission Services Agreement (TSA) with FERC, which was accepted on January 13, 2014. On December 31, 2013, NPT received ISO-NE approval under Section I.3.9 of the ISO tariff.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision regarding the September 2011 joint complaint filed with the FERC by various New England parties concerning the base ROE earned by New England transmission owners (NETOs). The initial decision found that the current base ROE is not reasonable, but leaves policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC, and determined that a separate base ROE of 10.6 percent and 9.7 percent should be set for the refund period (October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012) and the prospective period (beginning when FERC issues its final decision), respectively. The FERC may adjust the prospective period base ROE in its final

decision, expected in 2014, to reflect movement in the capital markets from when the case was filed in April 2013. As a result, in 2013, we recorded a reserve and recognized an after-tax charge of \$14.3 million for the potential financial impact from the FERC ALJ's initial decision.

On November 20, 2013, GSRP, the first, largest and most complicated project within the NEEWS family of projects was fully energized. The project was fully energized ahead of schedule with a final cost of \$676 million, \$42 million under the \$718 million estimated cost.

Liquidity:

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$43.4 million as of December 31, 2013, compared with \$45.7 million as of December 31, 2012, while investments in property, plant and equipment totaled \$1.5 billion in both 2013 and 2012.

Cash flows provided by operating activities in 2013 totaled \$1.58 billion, compared with operating cash flows of \$1.05 billion in 2012 (amounts are net of RRB payments). The improved cash flows were due primarily to the addition of NSTAR, a decrease in storm restoration costs, and the absence in 2013 of customer bill credits and merger-related costs paid in 2012, partially offset by an increase in Pension Plan cash contributions.

In 2013, we issued \$1.68 billion of new long-term debt consisting of \$750 million by NU parent, \$400 million by CL&P, \$200 million by NSTAR Electric, \$250 million by PSNH, and \$80 million by WMECO. These new issuances were used primarily to repay approximately \$928 million of existing long-term debt and PCRBs. On January 2, 2014, Yankee Gas issued \$100 million of new long-term debt. As of December 31, 2013, approximately \$502 million of NU's current liabilities relate to long-term debt that will be paid in the next 12 months.

On February 4, 2014, our Board of Trustees approved a common dividend payment of \$0.3925 per share, payable on March 31, 2014 to shareholders of record as of March 3, 2014. The dividend represented an increase of 6.8 percent over the quarterly dividend paid in December 2013.

Overview

Consolidated: A summary of our earnings by business, which also reconciles the non-GAAP financial measures of consolidated non-GAAP earnings and EPS, as well as EPS by business, to the most directly comparable GAAP measures of consolidated Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest and diluted EPS, for 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | | 2011 | |
| | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest (GAAP) | \$ 786.0 | \$ 2.49 | \$ 525.9 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 394.7 | \$ 2.22 |
| Regulated Companies | \$ 774.9 | \$ 2.45 | \$ 626.0 | \$ 2.25 | \$ 438.3 | \$ 2.46 |
| NU Parent and Other Companies | 24.9 | 0.08 | 7.5 | 0.03 | (14.4) | (0.08) |
| Non-GAAP Earnings | 799.8 | 2.53 | 633.5 | 2.28 | 423.9 | 2.38 |
| Integration and Merger-Related Costs (after-tax) | (13.8) | (0.04) | (107.6) | (0.39) | (11.3) | (0.06) |
| Storm Fund Reserve | - | - | - | - | (17.9) | (0.10) |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest (GAAP) | \$ 786.0 | \$ 2.49 | \$ 525.9 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 394.7 | \$ 2.22 |

(1)

Results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

The 2013 after-tax integration-related costs consisted of costs incurred for employee severance in connection with ongoing integration, and consulting and retention costs. The 2012 after-tax merger-related costs consisted of Regulated companies charges of \$53.2 million (for further information, see the *Regulated Companies* portion of this Overview section), costs of \$34 million at NU parent related to investment advisory fees, attorney fees, and consulting costs, an \$11.5 million charge related to change in control costs and other compensation costs at NU parent, and an \$8.9 million charge at NU parent for the establishment of a fund to advance Connecticut energy goals related to the Connecticut merger settlement agreement.

Excluding the impact of the integration and merger-related costs, our 2013 earnings increased by \$166.3 million, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the inclusion of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012, lower overall operations and maintenance costs, higher retail electric and firm natural gas sales, higher transmission segment earnings as a result of increased investments in the transmission infrastructure, and the favorable impact of a lower effective tax rate in 2013 at NU parent. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were higher depreciation and property tax expense and the establishment of an after-tax reserve of \$14.3 million for a potential customer refund related to an August 2013 initial decision from the FERC ALJ. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues - FERC Base ROE Complaint" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

Regulated Companies: Our Regulated companies consist of the electric distribution, transmission, and natural gas distribution segments. Generation activities of PSNH and WMECO are included in our electric distribution segment. A summary of our segment earnings for 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| Net Income Regulated Companies (GAAP) | \$ 774.9 | \$ 572.8 | \$ 420.4 |
| Electric Distribution | \$ 427.0 | \$ 343.4 | \$ 207.0 |
| Transmission | 287.0 | 249.7 | 199.6 |
| Natural Gas Distribution | 60.9 | 32.9 | 31.7 |
| Net Income Regulated Companies (Non-GAAP) | 774.9 | 626.0 | 438.3 |
| Merger-Related Costs (after-tax) ⁽²⁾ | - | (53.2) | - |
| Storm Fund Reserve ⁽³⁾ | - | - | (17.9) |
| Net Income - Regulated Companies (GAAP) | \$ 774.9 | \$ 572.8 | \$ 420.4 |

(1)

Results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

(2)

Merger-related costs are attributable to the electric distribution segment (\$51.1 million) and the natural gas distribution segment (\$2.1 million).

(3)

The storm fund reserve is attributable to the electric distribution segment.

The 2012 after-tax merger-related costs consisted of \$27.6 million (\$46 million pre-tax) in charges at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and WMECO for customer bill credits related to the Connecticut and Massachusetts merger settlement agreements, a \$23.6 million (\$40 million pre-tax) charge related to the Connecticut merger settlement agreement, whereby CL&P agreed to forego recovery of previously deferred storm restoration costs associated with Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm, and a \$2 million charge related to change in control costs and other compensation costs.

Excluding the impact of the merger-related costs, our electric distribution segment earnings increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the inclusion of NSTAR Electric distribution business earnings, lower overall operations and maintenance costs and higher retail electric sales due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013, as compared to the same periods in 2012. The 2013 results were also favorably impacted by PSNH

rate increases effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 as a result of the 2010 distribution rate case settlement. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were higher depreciation and property tax expense.

Our transmission segment earnings increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the inclusion of NSTAR Electric transmission business earnings, increased investments in our transmission infrastructure, including GSRP, and the favorable impact of a lower effective tax rate in 2013, partially offset by the \$14.3 million after-tax reserve related to the August 2013 FERC ALJ initial decision.

Excluding the impact of the merger-related costs, our natural gas distribution segment earnings increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the inclusion of NSTAR Gas earnings, higher firm natural gas sales due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013, as compared to the same periods in 2012, as well as the addition of approximately 10,000 new natural gas heating customers in 2013, and the favorable impact related to an increase in Yankee Gas rates effective July 1, 2012 as a result of the Yankee Gas 2011 rate case decision.

A summary of our retail electric GWh sales and percentage changes, assuming NSTAR Electric had been part of the NU electric distribution system for all periods, as well as percentage changes in CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO retail electric GWh sales, is as follows:

**For the Year Ended
December 31, 2013 Compared to 2012
Sales (GWh)**

| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| NU - Electric | | | |
| Residential | 21,896 | 21,374 | 2.4 % |
| Commercial ⁽²⁾ | 27,787 | 27,647 | 0.5 % |
| Industrial | 5,648 | 5,787 | (2.4)% |
| Total | 55,331 | 54,808 | 1.0 % |

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to 2012

| | CL&P Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) | NSTAR Electric Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) | PSNH Percentage Increase | WMECO Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Electric | | | | |
| Residential | 3.4 % | 1.3 % | 2.2% | 1.7 % |
| Commercial ⁽²⁾ | 0.7 % | 0.4 % | 0.6% | (0.4)% |
| Industrial | (4.4)% | (3.0)% | 2.1% | (3.0)% |
| Total | 1.3 % | 0.5 % | 1.5% | - % |

(1)

Results include retail electric sales of NSTAR Electric from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for comparative purposes only.

(2)

Commercial retail electric GWh sales include streetlighting and railroad retail sales.

A summary of our firm natural gas sales in million cubic feet and percentage changes, assuming NSTAR Gas had been part of the NU natural gas distribution system for all periods, as well as percentage changes in Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, for 2013, as compared to 2012, is as follows:

| NU - Firm Natural Gas | For the Year Ended | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | December 31, 2013 Compared to 2012 | | |
| | Sales (million cubic feet) | | Percentage |
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | Increase |
| Residential | 36,777 | 30,873 | 19.1% |
| Commercial | 40,215 | 35,662 | 12.8% |
| Industrial | 21,266 | 20,992 | 1.3% |
| Total | 98,258 | 87,527 | 12.3% |
| Total, Net of Special Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 94,083 | 81,772 | 15.1% |

**For the Year Ended
December 31, 2013 Compared to 2012
Sales (million cubic feet)**

| Firm Natural Gas | Yankee Gas Percentage Increase/(Decrease) | NSTAR Gas ⁽³⁾ Percentage Increase |
|--|--|---|
| Residential | 19.0 % | 19.2% |
| Commercial | 13.9 % | 11.8% |
| Industrial | (1.9)% | 10.9% |
| Total | 9.8 % | 14.9% |
| Total, Net of Special Contracts (2) | 15.3 % | |

(1)

Results include firm natural gas sales of NSTAR Gas from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for comparative purposes only.

(2)

Special contracts are unique to the customers who take service under such an arrangement and generally specify the amount of distribution revenue to be paid to Yankee Gas regardless of the customers usage.

(3)

NSTAR Gas sales data for the year ended December 31, 2013 compared to 2012 has been provided for comparative purposes only.

Weather, fluctuations in energy supply costs, conservation measures (including company-sponsored energy efficiency programs), and economic conditions affect customer energy usage. Industrial sales are less sensitive to temperature variations than residential and commercial sales. In our service territories, weather impacts electric sales during the summer and electric and natural gas sales during the winter (natural gas sales are more sensitive to temperature variations than electric sales). Customer heating or cooling usage may not directly correlate with historical levels or with the level of degree-days that occur. In addition, our electric and natural gas businesses are susceptible to damage from major storms and other natural events and disasters that could adversely affect our ability to provide energy.

Our 2013 consolidated retail electric sales were higher, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. The 2013 retail electric sales for CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH increased while they remained unchanged for WMECO, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. In 2013, heating degree days were 17 percent higher in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 16 percent higher in the Boston metropolitan area, and 15 percent higher in New Hampshire, and cooling degree days were 7 percent lower in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 2 percent higher in the Boston metropolitan area, and 9 percent lower in New Hampshire, as compared to 2012. On a weather-normalized basis (based on 30-year average temperatures), 2013 retail electric sales for CL&P and PSNH increased, while they decreased for NSTAR Electric and WMECO, as compared to 2012. The 2013 weather-normalized NU consolidated total retail electric sales remained

relatively unchanged, as compared to 2012.

For WMECO, fluctuations in retail electric sales do not impact earnings due to the DPU-approved revenue decoupling mechanism. Under this decoupling mechanism, WMECO has an overall fixed annual level of distribution delivery service revenues of \$132.4 million, comprised of customer base rate revenues of \$125.4 million and a baseline low income discount recovery of \$7 million. These two mechanisms effectively break the relationship between sales volume and revenues recognized.

Our 2013 consolidated firm natural gas sales are subject to many of the same influences as our retail electric sales, but have benefitted from favorable natural gas prices and customer growth across all three customer classes. Our 2013 consolidated firm natural gas sales were higher, as compared to 2012, due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. The 2013 weather-normalized NU consolidated total firm natural gas sales increased 0.9 percent, as compared to 2012, due primarily to residential customer growth, an increase in natural gas conversions, the migration of interruptible customers switching to firm service rates, and the addition of gas-fired distributed generation, all of which was primarily in the Yankee Gas service territory.

NU Parent and Other Companies: NU parent and other companies (which includes certain subsidiaries of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012, and our competitive businesses held by NU Enterprises) earned \$11.1 million in 2013, compared with net losses of \$46.9 million in 2012. Excluding the impact of integration and merger-related costs of \$13.8 million in 2013 and \$54.4 million in 2012, NU parent and other companies earned \$24.9 million in 2013, compared with \$7.5 million in 2012. Improved 2013 results were due primarily to a lower effective tax rate, a decrease in interest expense at NU parent, and an increase in earnings at the unregulated businesses.

Future Outlook

2014 EPS Guidance: We currently project 2014 earnings of between \$2.60 and \$2.75 per share.

Liquidity

Consolidated: Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$43.4 million as of December 31, 2013, compared with \$45.7 million as of December 31, 2012.

CL&P issued \$400 million of 2.5 percent 2013 Series A First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds on January 15, 2013, due to mature in 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings outstanding under the CL&P credit agreement of \$89 million and intercompany loans related to our commercial paper program of

\$305.8 million. On September 3, 2013, CL&P

redeemed at par \$125 million of 1.25 percent Series B 2011 PCRBs, which were subject to mandatory tender for purchase, using short-term debt.

NSTAR Electric issued \$200 million of three-year floating rate debentures on May 17, 2013, due to mature in 2016. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings and for general corporate purposes.

PSNH redeemed at par approximately \$109 million of the 5.45 percent 2001 Series C PCRBs on May 1, 2013, which were due to mature in 2021, using short-term debt. On November 14, 2013, PSNH issued \$250 million of 3.50 percent Series S First Mortgage Bonds, due to mature in 2023. On December 23, 2013, PSNH redeemed approximately \$89 million of the 4.75 percent Series B PCRBs, which were due to mature in 2021, using a portion of the proceeds from the Series S First Mortgage Bonds. The remaining Series S First Mortgage Bond proceeds were used to pay short-term borrowings.

WMECO repaid at maturity \$55 million of 5 percent Series A Senior Notes on September 1, 2013, using short-term debt. On November 15, 2013, WMECO issued \$80 million of 3.88 percent Series G Senior Notes, due to mature in 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings and for other working capital purposes.

NU parent issued \$750 million of Senior Notes on May 13, 2013, consisting of \$300 million of 1.45 percent Series E Senior Notes, due to mature in 2018, and \$450 million of 2.80 percent Series F Senior Notes, due to mature in 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay the NU parent \$250 million 5.65 percent Series C Senior Notes that matured on June 1, 2013 and the NU parent \$300 million floating rate Series D Senior Notes that matured on September 20, 2013. The remaining net proceeds were used to repay commercial paper program borrowings and for working capital purposes.

Yankee Gas issued \$100 million of 4.82 percent Series L First Mortgage Bonds on January 2, 2014, due to mature in 2044. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay the \$75 million 4.80 percent Series G First Mortgage Bonds that matured on January 1, 2014 and to pay \$25 million in short-term borrowings.

On July 31, 2013, the FERC granted authorization allowing CL&P and WMECO to incur total short-term borrowings up to a maximum of \$600 million and \$300 million, respectively, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. On May 16, 2012, the FERC granted authorization to allow NSTAR Electric to issue total short-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$655 million outstanding at any one time, effective October 23, 2012 through October 23, 2014. On December 23, 2013, the DPU authorized NSTAR Electric to issue up to \$800 million in long-term debt for the two-year period ending December 31, 2015. On September 26, 2013, the NHPUC issued an order, effective October 8, 2013, approving PSNH's request to issue up to \$315 million in long-term debt through December 31, 2014, and to refinance approximately \$89 million Series B PCRBs through its existing maturity of May 2021.

On September 6, 2013, NU parent, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas amended their joint five-year \$1.15 billion revolving credit facility, dated July 25, 2012, by increasing the aggregate principal amount available thereunder by \$300 million to \$1.45 billion, extending the expiration date from July 25, 2017 to September 6, 2018, and increasing CL&P's borrowing sub-limit from \$300 million to \$600 million. PSNH and WMECO each have borrowing sub-limits of \$300 million. Simultaneously, effective September 6, 2013, the CL&P \$300 million revolving credit facility was terminated.

On September 6, 2013, NSTAR Electric amended its five-year \$450 million revolving credit facility, dated July 25, 2012, by extending the expiration date from July 25, 2017 to September 6, 2018.

On September 6, 2013, NU parent's \$1.15 billion commercial paper program was increased by \$300 million to \$1.45 billion.

As of December 31, 2013, NU had approximately \$1.01 billion in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$435.5 million of available borrowing capacity. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of December 31, 2013 was 0.24 percent, which is generally based on money market rates. As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric had \$103.5 million in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$346.5 million of available borrowing capacity. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of December 31, 2013 was 0.13 percent, which is generally based on money market rates.

Each of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO use its available capital resources to fund its respective construction expenditures, meet debt requirements, pay operating costs, including storm-related costs, pay dividends and fund other corporate obligations, such as pension contributions. The current growth in NU's transmission construction expenditures utilizes a significant amount of cash for projects that have a long-term return on investment and recovery period. In addition, NU's Regulated companies recover its electric and natural gas distribution construction expenditures as the related project costs are depreciated over the life of the assets. This impacts the timing of the revenue stream designed to fully recover the total investment plus a return on the equity portion of the cost and related financing costs. These factors have resulted in current liabilities exceeding current assets by approximately \$1.2 billion, \$398 million and \$339 million at NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric, respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013, \$501.7 million of NU's obligations classified as current liabilities relates to long-term debt that will be paid in the next 12 months, consisting of \$150 million for CL&P, \$301.7 million for NSTAR Electric and \$50 million for PSNH. In addition, \$31.7 million relates to the amortization of the purchase accounting fair value adjustment that will be amortized in the next twelve months. NU, with its strong credit ratings, has several options available in the financial markets to repay or refinance these maturities with the issuance of new long-term debt. NU,

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will reduce their short-term borrowings with cash

received from operating cash flows or with the issuance of new long-term debt, determined considering capital requirements and maintenance of NU's credit rating and profile. Management expects the future operating cash flows of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, along with the access to financial markets, will be sufficient to meet any future operating requirements and capital investment forecasted opportunities.

On March 15, 2013, NSTAR Electric made its final principal and interest payment on approximately \$675 million of RRBs that were issued in March 2005. On May 1, 2013, PSNH made its final principal and interest payment on approximately \$525 million of RRBs that were issued in April 2001. On June 1, 2013, WMECO made its final principal and interest payment on approximately \$155 million of RRBs that were issued in May 2001. As a result, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are no longer recovering any payments from customers associated with these RRBs, which reduced NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's cash flows provided by operating activities in 2013, compared with 2012. There was no impact on operating cash flows net of RRB payments.

Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$1.58 billion in 2013, compared with \$1.05 billion in 2012 and \$901.1 million in 2011 (all amounts are net of RRB payments, which are included in financing activities on the accompanying statements of cash flows). The improved operating cash flows were due primarily to the addition of NSTAR, which contributed \$138.1 million of operating cash flows (net of RRB payments) in the first quarter of 2013, a decrease of approximately \$100 million in cash disbursements for storm restoration costs associated primarily with the February 2013 blizzard, as compared to 2012 cash disbursements for storm restoration costs associated primarily with Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm, the absence in 2013 of \$73 million in 2012 cash disbursements at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and WMECO related to customer bill credits, and the absence in 2013 of \$35 million of merger-related cash payments made in 2012. In addition, operating cash flows benefited from an increase in amortization of regulatory deferrals primarily attributable to tracking mechanisms where such revenues exceeded costs resulting in a favorable cash flow impact. Partially offsetting these favorable cash flow impacts was a \$62.3 million increase in Pension Plan cash contributions, increases in coal and fuel inventories, and changes in traditional working capital amounts due primarily to the timing of accounts receivable and accounts payable. The improved operating cash flows in 2012, compared with 2011, were due primarily to the addition of NSTAR, partially offset by an increase in storm restoration costs, pension plan cash contributions, customer bill credits, and merger-related costs.

A summary of our corporate credit ratings and outlooks by Moody's, S&P and Fitch is as follows:

| | Moody's | | S&P | | Fitch | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Current | Outlook | Current | Outlook | Current | Outlook |
| NU Parent | Baa1 | Stable | A- | Stable | BBB+ | Stable |
| CL&P | Baa1 | Stable | A- | Stable | BBB+ | Stable |
| NSTAR Electric | A2 | Stable | A- | Stable | A | Stable |
| PSNH | Baa1 | Stable | A- | Stable | BBB+ | Stable |
| WMECO | A3 | Stable | A- | Stable | BBB+ | Stable |

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A summary of the current credit ratings and outlooks by Moody's, S&P and Fitch for senior unsecured debt of NU parent, NSTAR Electric, and WMECO and senior secured debt of CL&P and PSNH is as follows:

| | Moody's | | S&P | | Fitch | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Current | Outlook | Current | Outlook | Current | Outlook |
| NU Parent | Baa1 | Stable | BBB+ | Stable | BBB+ | Stable |
| CL&P | A2 | Stable | A | Stable | A | Stable |
| NSTAR Electric | A2 | Stable | A- | Stable | A+ | Stable |
| PSNH | A2 | Stable | A | Stable | A | Stable |
| WMECO | A3 | Stable | A- | Stable | A- | Stable |

On February 14, 2013, S&P revised its criteria for rating utility first mortgage bonds, resulting in one-level upgrades of CL&P and PSNH first mortgage bonds by S&P. On January 31, 2014, Moody's upgraded corporate credit and securities ratings of NU, CL&P and PSNH by one level and WMECO by two-levels.

We paid common dividends of \$462.7 million in 2013, compared with \$375 million in 2012. The increase was due primarily to the issuance of approximately 136 million of NU common shares to the NSTAR shareholders on April 10, 2012 as a result of the merger, and an increase of approximately 7.1 percent in our common dividend paid beginning in March 2013. On February 4, 2014, our Board of Trustees approved a common dividend payment of \$0.3925 per share, payable on March 31, 2014 to shareholders of record as of March 3, 2014. The dividend represented an increase of 6.8 percent over the dividend paid in December 2013.

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO paid \$152 million, \$56 million, \$68 million, and \$40 million, respectively, in common dividends to their respective parent company in 2013.

Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment on the accompanying statements of cash flows do not include amounts incurred on capital projects but not yet paid, cost of removal, AFUDC related to equity funds, and, for certain subsidiaries, the capitalized portions of pension expense. In 2013, investments for NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO were \$1.5 billion, \$434.9 million, \$476.6 million, \$186 million, and \$128.8 million, respectively.

Business Development and Capital Expenditures

Consolidated: Our consolidated capital expenditures, including amounts incurred but not paid, cost of removal, AFUDC, and the capitalized portions of pension expense (all of which are non-cash factors), totaled \$1.6 billion in 2013, \$1.5 billion in 2012, and \$1.2 billion in 2011. These amounts included \$44.7 million in 2013, \$43.1 million in 2012, and \$51.9 million in 2011, related to our corporate service companies, NUSCO and RRR.

Transmission Business: Overall, transmission business capital expenditures increased by \$10.5 million in 2013, as compared with 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR Electric's capital expenditures, partially offset by the completion of the WMECO portion of GSRP. A summary of transmission capital expenditures by company in 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|----|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| | | 2013 | | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | | 2011 |
| CL&P | \$ | 211.9 | \$ | 182.5 | \$ | 128.6 |
| NSTAR Electric | | 220.8 | | 160.7 | | N/A |
| PSNH | | 99.7 | | 55.7 | | 68.1 |
| WMECO | | 87.2 | | 214.7 | | 236.8 |
| NPT | | 39.9 | | 35.4 | | 25.9 |
| Total Transmission Segment | \$ | 659.5 | \$ | 649.0 | \$ | 459.4 |

(1)

Results include the transmission capital expenditures of NSTAR Electric beginning April 10, 2012.

NEWS: GSRP, the first, largest and most complicated project within the NEWS family of projects was fully energized on November 20, 2013. The project involved the construction of 115 kV and 345 kV overhead lines by CL&P and WMECO from Ludlow, Massachusetts to Bloomfield, Connecticut. This transmission upgrade ensures the reliable flow of power in and around the southern New England area and enables access to less expensive generation, further reducing the risk of congestion costs impacting New England customers. The project was fully energized ahead of schedule with a final cost of \$676 million, \$42 million under the \$718 million estimated cost. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P and WMECO have placed \$628.2 million in service.

The Interstate Reliability Project, which includes CL&P's construction of an approximately 40-mile, 345 kV overhead line from Lebanon, Connecticut to the Connecticut-Rhode Island border in Thompson, Connecticut where it will connect to transmission enhancements being constructed by National Grid, is the second major NEWS project. All siting applications have been filed by CL&P and National Grid. The Connecticut and Rhode Island portions of the project have been approved and a siting approval decision in Massachusetts is expected in early 2014. On February 12, 2014, the Army Corps of Engineers issued its permit enabling construction on the Connecticut portion of the project. This is the final permit for the Connecticut portion of the project. NU's portion of the cost is estimated to be

\$218 million and the project is expected to be placed in service in late 2015.

The Greater Hartford Central Connecticut Study (GHCC), which includes the reassessment of the Central Connecticut Reliability Project, continues to make progress. The final need results, which were presented to the ISO-NE Planning Advisory Committee in November 2013, showed existing and worsening severe regional and local thermal overloads and voltage violations within and across each of the four study areas. ISO-NE is expected to confirm the preferred transmission solutions in the first half of 2014, which are likely to include many 115 kV upgrades. We continue to expect that the specific future projects being identified to address these reliability concerns will cost approximately \$300 million and that the project will be placed in service in 2017.

Included as part of NEEWS are associated reliability related projects, \$90.8 million of which have been placed in service. As of December 31, 2013, the remaining construction on the associated reliability related projects totaled \$2.8 million, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-2014.

Through December 31, 2013, CL&P and WMECO capitalized \$252.8 million and \$567 million, respectively, in costs associated with NEEWS, of which \$40.8 million and \$48.9 million, respectively, were capitalized in 2013.

Cape Cod Reliability Projects: Transmission projects serving Cape Cod in the Southeastern Massachusetts (SEMA) reliability region consist of an expansion and upgrade of NSTAR Electric's existing transmission infrastructure including construction of a new 345 kV transmission line that crosses the Cape Cod Canal and associated 115 kV upgrades in the center of Cape Cod (Lower SEMA Project) and related 115 kV projects (Mid-Cape Project). The Lower SEMA Project line work was completed and placed into service in 2013. The Mid-Cape Project is scheduled to be completed in 2017. The aggregate estimated construction cost for the Cape Cod projects is expected to be approximately \$150 million. Through December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric has invested \$96 million in costs associated with the Cape Cod Reliability Projects, of which \$61 million was capitalized in 2013.

Northern Pass: Northern Pass is NPT's planned HVDC transmission line from the Québec-New Hampshire border to Franklin, New Hampshire and an associated alternating current radial transmission line between Franklin and Deerfield, New Hampshire. Northern Pass will interconnect at the Québec-New Hampshire border with a planned HQ HVDC transmission line. The \$1.4 billion project is subject to comprehensive federal and state public permitting processes and is expected to be operational by mid-2017. On July 1, 2013, NPT filed an amendment to the DOE Presidential Permit Application for a proposed improved route in the northernmost section of the project area. As of December 31, 2013, the DOE had completed its public scoping meeting process and the majority of its seasonal field work and environmental data collection. NPT expects to file its state permit application in the fourth quarter of 2014 after the DOE's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is received.

NPT filed an amendment to the Transmission Services Agreement (TSA) with FERC on December 11, 2013, which was accepted by the FERC on January 13, 2014. The TSA amendment that went into effect on February 14, 2014 extended certain deadlines to provide project flexibility and eliminated a penalty payment for termination of the project in the future.

On December 31, 2013, NPT received ISO-NE approval under Section I.3.9 of the ISO tariff. By approving the project's Section I.3.9 application, ISO-NE determined that Northern Pass can reliably interconnect with the New England grid with no significant, adverse effect on the reliability or operating characteristics of the regional energy grid and its participants.

Greater Boston Reliability and Boston Network Improvements: As a result of continued analysis of the transmission needs to enhance system reliability and improve capacity in eastern Massachusetts, NSTAR Electric expects to implement a series of new transmission initiatives over the next five years. We expect projected costs to be approximately \$440 million on these new initiatives.

Distribution Business: A summary of distribution capital expenditures by company for 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| <i>CL&P:</i> | | | |
| Basic Business | \$ 60.9 | \$ 69.2 | \$ 166.6 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 160.7 | 177.8 | 112.3 |
| Load Growth | 76.9 | 65.8 | 59.6 |
| <i>Total CL&P</i> | 298.5 | 312.8 | 338.5 |
| <i>NSTAR Electric:</i> | | | |
| Basic Business | 98.5 | 47.3 | N/A |
| Aging Infrastructure | 110.6 | 111.5 | N/A |
| Load Growth | 53.6 | 17.4 | N/A |
| <i>Total NSTAR Electric</i> | 262.7 | 176.2 | N/A |
| <i>PSNH:</i> | | | |
| Basic Business | 22.7 | 25.3 | 47.7 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 50.5 | 50.2 | 25.3 |
| Load Growth | 29.3 | 20.2 | 25.8 |
| <i>Total PSNH</i> | 102.5 | 95.7 | 98.8 |
| <i>WMECO:</i> | | | |
| Basic Business | 7.9 | 12.7 | 24.2 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 24.6 | 18.5 | 11.5 |
| Load Growth | 9.2 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| <i>Total WMECO</i> | 41.7 | 37.7 | 41.8 |
| | 705.4 | 622.4 | 479.1 |

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|--|----------|----|-------|----------|
| Total - Electric Distribution (excluding Generation) | | | | |
| Total - Natural Gas | 175.2 | | 162.9 | 102.8 |
| Other Distribution | 0.7 | | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| Total Electric and Natural Gas | 881.3 | | 785.4 | 582.9 |
| <i>PSNH Generation:</i> | | | | |
| Clean Air Project | - | | 22.0 | 101.1 |
| Other | 9.7 | | 7.9 | 23.7 |
| <i>Total PSNH Generation</i> | 9.7 | | 29.9 | 124.8 |
| WMECO Generation | 4.5 | | 0.7 | 11.7 |
| Total Distribution Segment | \$ 895.5 | \$ | 816.0 | \$ 719.4 |

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Results include the electric and natural gas distribution capital expenditures of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

For the electric distribution business, basic business includes the purchase of meters, tools, vehicles, information technology, transformer replacements, equipment facilities, and the relocation of plant. Aging infrastructure relates to reliability and the replacement of overhead lines, distribution substations, underground cable replacement, and equipment failures. Load growth includes requests for new business and capacity additions on distribution lines and substation additions and expansions.

CL&P System Resiliency Plan: In accordance with the PURA-approved System Resiliency Plan, CL&P will spend approximately \$300 million to improve the resiliency of its electric distribution system, which includes vegetation management. CL&P expects to complete the plan in five years in two separate phases. Costs of Phase 1 of the plan, which is primarily focused on vegetation management, totaled approximately \$32 million in 2013 and is estimated to cost \$53 million in 2014. Phase 2 of the plan is estimated to cost approximately \$215 million over the period from 2015 through 2017.

WMECO Solar Project: On September 4, 2013, the DPU approved WMECO's proposal to build a third solar generation facility and expand its solar energy portfolio from 6 MW to 8 MW. On October 22, 2013, WMECO announced it would install a 3.9 MW solar generation facility on a site in East Springfield, Massachusetts. The facility is expected to be completed in mid-2014 at an estimated cost of approximately \$15 million.

Yankee Gas Expansion Plan: In accordance with 2013 Connecticut law and regulation, on June 14, 2013, Yankee Gas and other Connecticut natural gas distribution companies filed a comprehensive joint natural gas infrastructure expansion plan (expansion plan) with DEEP and PURA. The expansion plan described how Yankee Gas expects to add approximately 82,000 new natural gas heating customers over the next 10 years. Yankee Gas estimates that its portion of the plan will cost approximately \$700 million over 10 years. For further information on the expansion plan, see "Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters - Connecticut - Yankee Gas Natural Gas Expansion Plan" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*. For further information on the Connecticut law, see "Legislative and Policy Matters - Connecticut" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

Projected Capital Expenditures: A summary of the projected capital expenditures for the Regulated companies' electric transmission and for the total electric distribution, generation, and natural gas distribution businesses for 2014 through 2017, including our corporate service companies' capital expenditures on behalf of the Regulated companies, is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Year | | | | | 2014-2017 Total |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | | |
| CL&P Transmission | \$ 247 | \$ 199 | \$ 178 | \$ 165 | \$ 789 | |
| NSTAR Electric Transmission | 191 | 250 | 285 | 202 | 928 | |
| PSNH Transmission | 106 | 124 | 123 | 42 | 395 | |
| WMECO Transmission | 73 | 85 | 49 | 2 | 209 | |
| NPT | 47 | 222 | 610 | 487 | 1,366 | |
| <i>Total Transmission</i> | \$ 664 | \$ 880 | \$ 1,245 | \$ 898 | \$ 3,687 | |
| Electric Distribution | \$ 679 | \$ 647 | \$ 647 | \$ 619 | \$ 2,592 | |
| Generation | 24 | 34 | 20 | 15 | 93 | |
| Natural Gas | 189 | 219 | 201 | 227 | 836 | |
| <i>Total Distribution</i> | \$ 892 | \$ 900 | \$ 868 | \$ 861 | \$ 3,521 | |
| Corporate Service Companies | \$ 117 | \$ 93 | \$ 76 | \$ 76 | \$ 362 | |
| Total | \$ 1,673 | \$ 1,873 | \$ 2,189 | \$ 1,835 | \$ 7,570 | |

Actual capital expenditures could vary from the projected amounts for the companies and years above.

FERC Regulatory Issues

FERC Base ROE Complaint: On September 30, 2011, several New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates and other parties filed a joint complaint with the FERC under Sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act alleging that the base ROE used in calculating formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff by NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, is unjust and unreasonable. The complainants asserted that the current 11.14 percent rate, which became effective in 2006, is excessive due to changes in the capital markets and are seeking an order to reduce the rate, which would be

effective October 1, 2011. In response, the NETOs filed testimony and analysis based on standard FERC methodology and precedent demonstrating that the base ROE of 11.14 percent remained just and reasonable. The FERC set the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful in August 2012.

Hearings before the FERC ALJ were held in May 2013, followed by the filing of briefs by the complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities (late interveners to the case), the FERC trial staff and the NETOs. The NETOs recommended that the current base ROE of 11.14 percent should remain in effect for the refund period (October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012) and the prospective period (beginning when FERC issues its final decision). The complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities, and the FERC trial staff each recommended a base ROE of 9 percent or below.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision, finding that the base ROE in effect from October 2011 through December 2012 was not reasonable under the standard application of FERC methodology, but leaving policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC. Using the established FERC methodology, the FERC ALJ determined that separate base ROEs should be set for the refund period and the prospective period. The FERC ALJ found those base ROEs to be 10.6 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively. The FERC may adjust the prospective period base ROE in its final decision to reflect movement in 10-year Treasury bond rates from the date that the case was filed (April 2013) to the date of the final decision. The parties filed briefs on this decision with the FERC, and a decision from the FERC is expected in 2014. Though NU cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this proceeding, in 2013 the Company recorded a series of reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC ALJ's initial decision for the refund period. The aggregate after-tax charge to earnings totaled \$14.3 million at NU, which represents reserves of \$7.7 million at CL&P, \$3.4 million at NSTAR Electric, \$1.4 million at PSNH and \$1.8 million at WMECO.

On December 27, 2012, several additional parties filed a separate complaint concerning the NETOs' base ROE with the FERC. This complaint seeks to reduce the NETOs' base ROE effective January 1, 2013, effectively extending the refund period for an additional 15 months, and to consolidate this complaint with the joint complaint filed on September 30, 2011. The NETOs have asked the FERC to reject this complaint. The FERC has not yet acted on this complaint, and management is unable to predict the ultimate outcome or estimate the impacts of this complaint on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

As of December 31, 2013, the CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO aggregate shareholder equity invested in their transmission facilities was approximately \$2.3 billion. As a result, each 10 basis point change in the prospective period authorized base ROE would change annual consolidated earnings by an approximate \$2.3 million.

Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters

Electric and Natural Gas Base Distribution Rates:

Each NU utility subsidiary is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the state in which it operates: CL&P and Yankee Gas operate in Connecticut and are subject to PURA regulation; NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas operate in Massachusetts and are subject to DPU regulation; and PSNH operates in New Hampshire and is subject to NHPUC regulation.

In Connecticut, pursuant to the April 2012 PURA-approved Connecticut merger settlement agreement, CL&P is subject to a base distribution rate freeze until December 1, 2014. Yankee Gas distribution rates were established in a 2011 PURA approved rate case. See *Connecticut - Yankee Gas Distribution Rate Case* in this *Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters* section for further information.

In Massachusetts, "An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth" (Energy Act), which was enacted in 2012, requires electric utility companies to file at least one distribution rate case every five years and natural gas companies to file at least one distribution rate case every 10 years, and limits those companies to one settlement agreement in any 10-year period. Pursuant to the April 2012 DPU-approved Massachusetts comprehensive merger settlement agreements, NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas are subject to a base distribution rate freeze through December 31, 2015.

In New Hampshire, PSNH is currently operating under the 2010 NHPUC approved distribution rate case settlement, which is effective through June 30, 2015. Under the settlement, PSNH is permitted to file a request to collect certain exogenous costs and step increases on an annual basis. See *New Hampshire - Distribution Rates* in this *Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters* section for further information.

As a result of the PURA-approved Connecticut merger settlement agreement, we expect to file a CL&P base distribution rate proceeding in mid-2014 with base distribution rates effective December 1, 2014. The exact timing of the base distribution rate proceedings for our other utility subsidiaries has not yet been determined.

Major Storms:

2013, 2012 and 2011 Major Storms: Over the past three years, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO each experienced significant storms, including Tropical Storm Irene, the October 2011 snowstorm, Storm Sandy, and the February 2013 blizzard. As a result of these storms, each electric utility company suffered damage to its distribution and transmission systems, which caused customer outages and required the incurrence of costs to repair significant damage and restore customer service.

The magnitude of these storm restoration costs met the criteria for cost deferral in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. As a result, the storms had no material impact on the results of operations of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. We believe our response to each of these storms was prudent and therefore we believe it is probable that CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will be allowed to recover the deferred storm restoration costs. Each electric utility company is seeking recovery of its deferred storm restoration costs through its applicable regulatory recovery process.

CL&P 2013 Storm Filing: In March 2013, CL&P filed a request with PURA for approval to recover storm restoration costs associated with five major storms, all of which occurred in 2011 and 2012. CL&P's deferred storm restoration costs associated with these major storms totaled \$462 million. Of that amount, approximately \$414 million is subject to recovery in rates after giving effect to CL&P's agreement to forego the recovery of \$40 million of previously deferred storm restoration costs as well as an existing storm reserve fund balance of approximately \$8 million. During the second half of 2013, the PURA proceeded with the storm recovery review issuing discovery, holding hearings and ultimately on February 3, 2014, issuing a draft decision on the level of storm costs recovery.

In its draft decision, the PURA approved recovery of \$365 million of deferred storm restoration costs and ordered CL&P to capitalize approximately \$18 million of the deferred storm restoration costs as utility plant, which will be included in depreciation expense in future rate proceedings. PURA will allow recovery of the \$365 million with carrying charges in CL&P's distribution rates over a six-year period beginning December 1, 2014. The remaining costs were either disallowed or are probable of recovery in future rates and did not have a material impact on CL&P's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The final decision is expected from PURA in the first quarter of 2014.

NSTAR Electric 2013 Storm Filing: On December 30, 2013, the DPU approved NSTAR Electric's request to recover storm restoration costs, plus carrying costs, related to Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm. The DPU approved recovery of \$34.2 million of the \$38 million requested costs. NSTAR Electric will recover these costs, plus carrying costs, in its distribution rates over a five-year period that commenced on January 1, 2014.

PSNH Major Storm Cost Reserve: On June 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved an increase to PSNH's distribution rates effective July 1, 2013 that included a \$5 million increase to the current level of funding for the major storm cost reserve.

WMECO SRRCA Mechanism: WMECO has an established Storm Reserve Recovery Cost Adjustment (SRRCA) mechanism to recover the restoration costs associated with its major storms. Effective January 1, 2012, WMECO began recovering the restoration costs of Tropical Storm Irene and other storms that took place prior to August 2011. On August 30, 2013, WMECO submitted its 2013 Annual SRRCA filing to begin recovering the restoration costs associated with the October 2011 snowstorm and Storm Sandy. On

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December 20, 2013, the DPU approved the 2013 Annual SRRCA filing for effect on January 1, 2014, subject to further review and reconciliation.

2013, 2012 and 2011 Major Storm Deferrals: As of December 31, 2013, the storm restoration costs deferred for recovery from customers for major storms that occurred during 2013, 2012 and 2011 at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO were as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2012 and 2011 | 2013 | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| CL&P | 365.0 | 28.8 | 393.8 |
| NSTAR Electric | 61.3 | 63.6 | 124.9 |
| PSNH | 33.7 | 5.3 | 39.0 |
| WMECO | 35.3 | - | 35.3 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total | 495.3 | 97.7 | 593.0 |

DPU Storm Penalties: Under Massachusetts law and regulation, the DPU has established standards of performance for emergency preparation and restoration of service for electric companies, including required annual ERP filings with the DPU for review and approval. As a remedy to violations of those standards, the DPU is authorized to levy a penalty not to exceed \$250,000 for each violation for each day that the violation persists up to a maximum penalty of \$20 million for any related series of violations. In December 2012, in separate orders issued by the DPU, NSTAR Electric and WMECO each received penalties related to the electric utilities' responses to Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm. The DPU ordered penalties of \$4.1 million and \$2 million for NSTAR Electric and WMECO, respectively, which were refunded to their customers. In December 2012, NSTAR Electric and WMECO each filed appeals with the SJC arguing the DPU penalties should be vacated. NSTAR Electric and WMECO filed initial briefs on November 5, 2013. Oral arguments are scheduled for March 2014.

Emergency Response Plans: Under Connecticut law and regulation, the PURA has established performance standards that electric and natural gas companies incorporated into their ERPs and operations in 2013. CL&P and Yankee Gas will be subject to penalties levied by PURA of up to 2.5 percent of annual distribution revenues for failure to meet performance standards. In 2013, CL&P and Yankee Gas met the established performance standards.

Connecticut:

CL&P Standard Service and Last Resort Service Rates: CL&P's residential and small commercial customers who do not choose competitive suppliers are served under SS rates, and large commercial and industrial customers who do not choose competitive suppliers are served under LRS rates. Effective January 1, 2014, the PURA approved an increase

to CL&P's energy supply portion of the total average SS rate from 7.638 cents per kWh to 9.152 cents per kWh and the energy supply portion of the total average LRS rate from 6.698 cents per kWh to 10.762 cents per kWh. These changes were due primarily to the market conditions for the procurement of energy. The SS and LRS rates reflect CL&P's costs to procure energy for its customers. Adjustments to these rates do not impact earnings as CL&P is fully recovering the costs of its SS and LRS services from customers.

CL&P CTA and SBC Reconciliation: On January 22, 2014, PURA approved CL&P's 2012 CTA and SBC reconciliation as filed on April 1, 2013, which compared CTA and SBC billed revenues to revenue requirements, as required by PURA. The 2012 CTA was over recovered by \$21.3 million, resulting in a cumulative net under recovered balance of \$8.9 million as of December 31, 2012. The 2012 SBC was over recovered by \$19.4 million, resulting in a cumulative net under recovery of \$19.7 million as of December 31, 2012.

CL&P FMCC Filing: Semi-annually, CL&P files with PURA its FMCC filing, which reconciles actual FMCC revenues and charges and GSC revenues and expenses, for the six-month period under consideration. The filing identifies a total net over or under recovery, which includes the remaining uncollected or non-refunded portions from previous filings. On August 1, 2013, CL&P filed with PURA its semi-annual FMCC filing for the period January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. This filing also included the June 30, 2013 through December 31, 2013 projected amounts for informational purposes only. The filing identified a total net under recovery of \$2.7 million for the period. On February 19, 2014, PURA approved CL&P's FMCC filing.

CL&P Conservation Adjustment Mechanism: In 2012, CL&P filed an application with PURA for the establishment of a CAM. The CAM would collect the costs associated with expanded energy efficiency programs beyond those already collected through the statutory charge and the revenues lost because of the expanded energy efficiency programs. On September 11, 2013, DEEP approved CL&P's expanded 2014 conservation spending budget of \$144.6 million. The PURA approved a CAM effective January 1, 2014 subject to a future review of its revenue and expense reconciliation filing to be submitted by CL&P.

CL&P Long-Term Wind Contracts: On September 19, 2013, CL&P, along with another Connecticut utility, signed long-term commitments, as required by regulation, to purchase approximately 250 MW of wind power from a Maine wind farm and 20 MW of solar power from sites in Connecticut, at a combined average price of less than 8 cents per kWh. On October 23, 2013, PURA issued a final decision accepting the contracts. The projects are expected to be operational by the end of 2016. For further information, see "Legislative and Policy Matters - Connecticut" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

CL&P System Resiliency Plan: On January 16, 2013, PURA approved the \$300 million plan CL&P filed to improve the resiliency of its electric distribution system. For further information, see "Business Development and Capital Expenditures - Distribution Business - CL&P System Resiliency Plan" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

Yankee Gas Distribution Rate Case: On June 29, 2011, PURA issued a final decision in the Yankee Gas rate proceeding, which it subsequently amended on September 28, 2011. The final decision, as amended, approved a regulatory ROE of 8.83 percent, based on a capital structure of 52.2 percent common equity and 47.8 percent debt, approved Yankee Gas WWL Project, and allowed for an increase for bare steel and cast iron pipe annual replacement funding, as requested by Yankee Gas. The changes were effective July 20, 2011 and had the effect of decreasing revenues by \$0.2 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2012 and increasing revenues by \$6.9 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013.

Yankee Gas Natural Gas Expansion Plan: On June 14, 2013, Yankee Gas and other Connecticut natural gas distribution companies filed an expansion plan with DEEP and PURA in response to the Connecticut CES and the recently enacted Connecticut Public Act 13-298, "An Act Concerning Implementation of Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy and Various Revisions to the Energy Statutes." The expansion plan describes how the natural gas distribution companies expect to add approximately 280,000 new natural gas heating customers over the next 10 years. Yankee Gas will serve approximately 82,000 of those customers.

The expansion plan outlines a set of comprehensive recommendations, several of which are already incorporated into Public Act 13-298. Key recommendations include providing more flexibility in the process of adding new customers, establishing new regulatory tools to help fund conversion costs over time, providing for mechanisms for timely recovery of capital investments made by natural gas distribution companies and allowing utilities to secure additional pipeline capacity into Connecticut.

On July 16, 2013, DEEP issued a determination letter finding the expansion plan was consistent with the CES and requesting certain modifications to be made. On July 26, 2013, the natural gas distribution companies submitted their responses to DEEP and PURA. On November 22, 2013, PURA issued a final decision approving the expansion plan consistent with the goals of the CES. For further information on the Connecticut law, see "Legislative and Policy Matters - Connecticut" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

Massachusetts:

Basic Service Rates: Electric distribution companies in Massachusetts are required to obtain and resell power to retail customers through Basic Service for those customers who choose not to buy energy from a competitive energy supplier. Basic Service rates are reset every six months (every three months for large commercial and industrial customers). NSTAR Electric and WMECO fully recover their energy costs through DPU-approved regulatory rate mechanisms.

2014 Annual Reconciliation Filing: On November 1, 2013, NSTAR Electric and WMECO filed separately their respective 2014 annual cost recovery mechanisms, including the mechanisms to collect the costs to provide retail transmission, energy supply and energy efficiency services to its customers as well as the costs related to pension and other post-retirement employee benefit costs. The reconciliation filings compared the total revenues to revenue

requirements related to these services. On December 31, 2013, the DPU issued a final decision approving the rates as filed, subject to future review and reconciliation. As of December 31, 2013, we had cumulative deferred net regulatory asset balances related to these services of \$142.1 million and \$9.9 million for NSTAR Electric and WMECO, respectively.

Energy Efficiency Plans: In accordance with Massachusetts law passed in 2008 known as the Green Communities Act, natural gas and electric distribution companies must file three-year energy efficiency plans, which were initially filed by NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas, and approved by the DPU, in 2010 covering the period 2010 through 2012. The NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas three-year plans covering the period 2013 through 2015 were approved by the DPU in 2013. Distribution companies that do not yet have rate decoupling mechanisms in place, like NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas, include Lost Base Revenue (LBR) rate adjustment mechanisms in order to offset reduced distribution rate revenues as a result of successful energy efficiency programs. For the year ended December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas incurred recoverable Energy Efficiency program expenses of \$167.2 million, \$38.9 million, and \$31 million, respectively.

Long-Term Wind Contracts: NSTAR Electric and WMECO, along with two other Massachusetts utilities, signed a long-term commitment, as required by regulation, to purchase wind power from six wind farms in Maine and New Hampshire for a combined estimated generating capacity of approximately 565 MW. On September 20, 2013, these contracts were filed jointly with the DPU. On November 21, 2013, the utility companies provided a supplemental filing to the DPU to reflect the termination of three of the six wind farms. Initial briefs were filed on December 23, 2013 and reply briefs were filed on January 8, 2014. Over the 15-year life of the remaining contracts, the utilities will pay an average price of less than 8 cents per kWh. The projects are in various stages of permitting or development and are expected to begin operation in 2015 and 2016.

On November 26, 2012, the DPU approved NSTAR Electric's 15-year renewable energy contract with Cape Wind Associates, LLC. Under this contract, NSTAR Electric would purchase 129 MW of renewable energy from an offshore wind energy facility, which is currently expected to achieve commercial operation by May 2016.

DPU Safety and Reliability Programs (CPSL): Since 2006, NSTAR Electric has been recovering incremental costs related to the DPU-approved Safety and Reliability Programs. From 2006 through 2011, cumulative costs associated with the CPSL program resulted in an incremental revenue requirement to customers of approximately \$83 million. These amounts included incremental operations and maintenance costs and the related revenue requirement for specific capital investments relative to the CPSL programs.

On May 28, 2010, the DPU issued an order on NSTAR Electric's 2006 CPSL cost recovery filing (the May 2010 Order). In October 2010, NSTAR Electric filed a reconciliation of the cumulative CPSL program activity for the periods 2006 through 2009 with the DPU in order to determine a proposed rate adjustment. The DPU allowed the proposed rates to go into effect January 1, 2011, subject to final

reconciliation of CPSL program costs through a future DPU proceeding. In February 2013, NSTAR Electric updated the October 2010 filing with final activity through 2011. NSTAR Electric recorded its 2006 through 2011 revenues under the CPSL programs based on the May 2010 Order.

NSTAR Electric cannot predict the timing of a final DPU order related to its CPSL filings for the period 2006 through 2011. While we do not believe that any subsequent DPU order would result in revenues that are materially different than the amounts already recognized, it is reasonably possible that an order could have a material impact on NSTAR Electric's results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

The April 4, 2012 DPU-approved comprehensive merger settlement agreement with the Massachusetts Attorney General stipulates that NSTAR Electric must incur a revenue requirement of at least \$15 million per year for 2012 through 2015 related to these programs. CPSL revenues will end once NSTAR Electric has recovered its 2015-related CPSL costs. Realization of these revenues is subject to maintaining certain performance metrics over the four-year period and DPU approval. As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric was in compliance with the performance metrics and has recognized the entire \$15 million revenue requirement during 2013 and 2012.

Basic Service Bad Debt Adder: In accordance with a generic DPU order, electric utilities in Massachusetts recover the energy-related portion of bad debt costs in their Basic Service rates. In 2007, NSTAR Electric filed its 2006 Basic Service reconciliation with the DPU proposing an adjustment related to the increase of its Basic Service bad debt charge-offs. The DPU issued an order approving the implementation of a revised Basic Service rate but instructed NSTAR Electric to reduce distribution rates by an amount equal to the increase in its Basic Service bad debt charge-offs. This adjustment to NSTAR Electric's distribution rates would eliminate the fully reconciling nature of the Basic Service bad debt adder.

In 2010, NSTAR Electric filed an appeal of the DPU's order with the SJC. In 2012, the SJC vacated the DPU order and remanded the matter to the DPU for further review. The DPU has not taken any action on the remand.

NSTAR Electric deferred approximately \$34 million of costs associated with energy-related bad debt as a regulatory asset through 2011 as NSTAR Electric had concluded that it was probable that these costs would ultimately be recovered from customers. Due to delays and the duration of the proceedings, NSTAR Electric concluded that while an ultimate outcome on the matter in its favor remained "more likely than not," it could no longer be deemed "probable." As a result, NSTAR Electric recognized a reserve related to the regulatory asset in 2012. NSTAR Electric will continue to maintain the reserve until the proceeding has been concluded with the DPU.

New Hampshire:

Distribution Rates: In 2013, PSNH filed for a distribution rate step increase in accordance with the 2010 NHPUC approved distribution rate case settlement. On June 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved an increase to rates of \$12.6 million, effective July 1, 2013. The increase consists primarily of \$7.7 million related to net plant additions and a \$5 million increase to the current level of funding for the Major Storm Cost reserve.

ES and SCRC Rates: On December 12, 2013, PSNH filed a request with the NHPUC to adjust its ES and SCRC rates effective January 1, 2014. PSNH's request proposed to increase the current ES and SCRC billing rates to reflect projected costs for 2014. On December 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved the request. The approved energy supply portion of the 2014 rate is 9.23 cents per kWh and the SCRC rate for 2014 is 0.35 cents per kWh.

Clean Air Project Prudence Proceeding: The Clean Air Project, which involved the installation of wet scrubber technology at PSNH's Merrimack coal-fired generation station in Bow, New Hampshire, was placed in service in September 2011. In November 2011, the NHPUC opened a docket to review the Clean Air Project, including the establishment of temporary rates for near-term recovery of Clean Air Project costs, a prudence review of PSNH's overall construction program, and establishment of permanent rates for recovery of prudently incurred Clean Air Project costs. In April 2012, the NHPUC issued an order authorizing temporary rates to recover a significant portion of the Clean Air Project costs. The docket will remain open to conduct a comprehensive prudence review of the Clean Air Project and the establishment of permanent rates. The temporary rates will remain in effect until permanent rates allowing full recovery of all prudently incurred costs are approved. At that time, the NHPUC will reconcile recoveries collected under the temporary rates with approved permanent rates.

The NHPUC has issued a series of orders ruling on the scope of its Clean Air Project inquiry and discovery issues. On December 23, 2013, the NHPUC Staff and other intervenors filed testimony discussing the prudence of the Clean Air Project, which cost \$421 million. Discovery is currently ongoing with hearings likely in late 2014. We continue to believe that we were prudent in the undertaking and completion of the Clean Air Project. While we cannot predict with certainty the outcome of the Clean Air Project prudence review, we believe all costs were incurred appropriately and are probable of recovery.

PSNH Generation: On January 18, 2013, the NHPUC opened a docket to investigate market conditions affecting PSNH's ES rate, how PSNH will maintain just and reasonable rates in light of those conditions, and any impact of PSNH's generation ownership on the New Hampshire competitive electric market. On July 15, 2013, the NHPUC accepted from the NHPUC Staff a "Report on Investigation into Market Conditions, Default Service Rate, Generation Ownership and Impact on the Competitive Electricity Market." The report recommended that the NHPUC examine whether default service rates remain sustainable on a going forward basis, define "just and reasonable" with respect to default service in the context of competitive retail markets, analyze the current and expected value of PSNH's generating units, and identify means to mitigate and address stranded cost recovery.

On September 18, 2013, the NHPUC issued a Request for Proposal to hire a valuation expert to determine the value of PSNH's generation assets and entitlements. On October 16, 2013, the State of New Hampshire Legislative Oversight Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring (Oversight Committee) requested that the NHPUC conduct an analysis to determine whether it is now in the economic interest of PSNH's retail customers for PSNH to divest its interest in generation plants. On November 1, 2013, the Oversight Committee asked for a preliminary report on the findings by April 1, 2014 that would include at a minimum the NHPUC Staff's position, the analysis of the valuation expert, and any recommendations for legislation that may be needed concerning divestiture or otherwise related to this issue. A valuation expert has been hired and the investigation is currently ongoing. At this time, we cannot predict the outcome of this review. Our current PSNH generation rate base totals approximately \$760 million. We continue to believe all costs and generation investments are probable of recovery.

Federal:

EPA Proposed NPDES Permit: PSNH maintains a NPDES permit consistent with requirements of the Clean Water Act for Merrimack Station. In 1997, PSNH filed in a timely manner for a renewal of this permit. As a result, the existing permit was administratively continued. On September 29, 2011, the EPA issued a draft renewal NPDES permit for PSNH's Merrimack Station for public review and comment. The proposed permit contains many significant conditions to future operation. The proposed permit would require PSNH to install a closed-cycle cooling system (including cooling towers) at the station. The EPA estimated that the net present value cost to install this system and operate it over a 20-year period would be approximately \$112 million.

On October 27, 2011, the EPA extended the initial 60-day period for public review and comment on the draft permit for an additional 90 days until February 28, 2012. PSNH and other electric utility groups filed thousands of pages of comments contesting EPA's draft permit requirements. PSNH stated that the data and studies supplied to the EPA demonstrate the fact that a closed-cycle cooling system is not warranted. The EPA does not have a set deadline to consider comments and to issue a final permit. Merrimack Station is permitted to continue to operate under its present permit pending issuance of the final permit and subsequent resolution of matters appealed by PSNH and other parties. Due to the site specific characteristics of PSNH's other fossil generating stations, we believe that closed-cycle cooling systems are not warranted.

Legislative and Policy Matters

Federal:

On January 2, 2013, the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" became law, which extended the accelerated deduction of depreciation to businesses through 2013. This extended stimulus provided NU with cash flow benefits of approximately \$300 million (approximately \$95 million at CL&P, \$85 million at NSTAR Electric, \$35 million at PSNH, and \$50 million at WMECO).

On September 13, 2013, the Internal Revenue Service issued final Tangible Property regulations that are meant to simplify, clarify and make more administrable previously issued guidance. In the third quarter of 2013, CL&P recorded an after-tax valuation allowance of \$10.5 million against its deferred tax assets as a result of these regulations. NU is in compliance with the new regulations, but continues to evaluate several new potential elections. Therefore, a change to the valuation allowance at CL&P could result once NU completes the review of the impact of the final regulations.

Connecticut:

In 2013, Connecticut enacted into law two significant energy bills. The first law, Public Act 13-298, implemented a number of the recommendations proposed in the CES. Public Act 13-298 authorized the filing of a plan to expand natural gas service to Connecticut residents that currently do not have access to natural gas. For further information on Yankee Gas filing, see "Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters - Connecticut - Yankee Gas Natural Gas Expansion Plan" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis*. The law also required PURA to implement decoupling for each of Connecticut's electric and natural gas utilities in their next respective rate cases. Finally, the law allows electric distribution companies to recover their costs as well as lost revenues from various state energy policy initiatives, including expanded energy efficiency programs.

The second law, Public Act 13-303, "An Act Concerning Connecticut's Clean Energy Goals," allows DEEP to conduct a process to procure from renewable energy generators, under long-term contracts with the electric distribution companies, additional renewable generation to help Connecticut meet its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Large scale hydropower facilities located in the New England Power Pool Generation Information System (NEPOOL GIS) geographic eligibility area or an area abutting the northern boundary of the NEPOOL GIS geographic eligibility area are eligible to bid into DEEP's process. If Connecticut experiences a material shortfall in reaching its RPS goals, such hydropower, under certain conditions, can be used to alleviate such shortfall, up to five percent of RPS requirements in 2020.

The law also requires DEEP to develop a schedule to assign a gradually reducing renewable energy credit value for all Class I biomass or landfill generation facilities. Such reduced credit values will not apply to biogas or anaerobic digestion facilities, or to facilities that have a long-term contract in place. The commissioner of DEEP may adjust such changes to the values of renewable energy credits, if such adjustment is appropriate given the availability of other Class I renewable energy sources.

On September 26, 2013, DEEP issued a final determination that authorized the state's electric distribution companies to enter into long-term power purchase agreements for a total of 270 MW of Class I renewable generation from two projects. On October 23, 2013, PURA issued a final decision accepting the contracts presented by the electric distribution companies. On October 21, 2013, DEEP

issued a Request for Proposal seeking proposals for energy and RECs from private developers for up to 4 percent of the state's electric distribution companies' load (estimated to be between 100 MW to 150 MW) of Class I renewable energy resources for biomass, landfill gas and run off river hydropower projects from new or existing facilities.

Massachusetts:

On July 24, 2013, Massachusetts enacted a law that changed the income tax rate applicable to utility companies effective January 1, 2014, from 6.5 percent to 8 percent. The tax law change required NU to remeasure its accumulated deferred income taxes and resulted in NU increasing its deferred tax liability with an offsetting regulatory asset of approximately \$61 million at its utility companies.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates, assumptions and, at times, difficult, subjective or complex judgments. Changes in these estimates, assumptions and judgments, in and of themselves, could materially impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Our management communicates to and discusses with the Audit Committee of our Board of Trustees significant matters relating to critical accounting policies. Our critical accounting policies are discussed below. See the combined notes to our financial statements for further information concerning the accounting policies, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our financial statements.

Regulatory Accounting: The accounting policies of the Regulated companies conform to GAAP applicable to rate-regulated enterprises and reflect the effects of the rate-making process.

The application of accounting guidance for rate-regulated enterprises results in recording regulatory assets and liabilities. Regulatory assets represent the deferral of incurred costs that are probable of future recovery in customer rates. Regulatory assets are amortized as the incurred costs are recovered through customer rates. In some cases, we record regulatory assets before approval for recovery has been received from the applicable regulatory commission.

We must use judgment to conclude that costs deferred as regulatory assets are probable of future recovery. We base our conclusion on certain factors, including, but not limited to, regulatory precedent. Regulatory liabilities represent revenues received from customers to fund expected costs that have not yet been incurred or probable future refunds to customers.

We use our best judgment when recording regulatory assets and liabilities; however, regulatory commissions can reach different conclusions about the recovery of costs, and those conclusions could have a material impact on our financial statements. We believe it is probable that the Regulated companies will recover the regulatory assets that have been recorded. If we determined that we could no longer apply the accounting guidance applicable to

rate-regulated enterprises to our operations, or that we could not conclude that it is probable that costs would be recovered from customers in future rates, the costs would be charged to earnings in the period in which the determination is made.

For further information, see Note 3, "Regulatory Accounting," to the financial statements.

Unbilled Revenues: The determination of retail energy sales to residential, commercial and industrial customers is based on the reading of meters, which occurs regularly throughout the month. Billed revenues are based on these meter readings and the majority of recorded annual revenues is based on actual billings. Because customers are billed throughout the month based on pre-determined cycles rather than on a calendar month basis, an estimate of electricity or natural gas delivered to customers for which the customers have not yet been billed is calculated as of the balance sheet date.

Unbilled revenues represent an estimate of electricity or natural gas delivered to customers but not yet billed.

Unbilled revenues are included in Operating Revenues on the statement of income and are assets on the balance sheet that are reclassified to Accounts Receivable in the following month as customers are billed. Such estimates are subject to adjustment when actual meter readings become available, when there is a change in estimates and under other circumstances.

The Regulated companies estimate unbilled sales monthly using the daily load cycle method. The daily load cycle method allocates billed sales to the current calendar month based on the daily load for each billing cycle. The billed sales are subtracted from total month load, net of delivery losses, to estimate unbilled sales. Unbilled revenues are estimated by first allocating unbilled sales to the respective customer classes, then applying an estimated rate by customer class to those sales. The estimate of unbilled revenues is sensitive to numerous factors, such as energy demands, weather and changes in the composition of customer classes that can significantly impact the amount of revenues recorded.

For further information, see Note 1K, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Revenues," to the financial statements.

Pension and PBOP: NUSCO sponsors the NUSCO Pension Plan and NSTAR Electric acts as plan sponsor for the NSTAR Pension Plan, both of which cover certain of our employees. In addition, our service company sponsors the NUSCO and NSTAR PBOP plans to provide certain health care benefits, primarily medical and dental, and life insurance benefits to retired employees. For each of these plans, the development of the benefit obligation, funded status and net periodic benefit cost is based on several significant assumptions. We evaluate these assumptions at least annually and adjust them as necessary. Changes in these assumptions could have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Pre-tax net periodic benefit expense (excluding SERP) for the Pension Plans was \$236.3 million, \$234.9 million and \$127.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The pre-tax net periodic benefit expense for the PBOP Plans was \$32.6 million, \$72.3 million and \$43.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. NSTAR pension and PBOP expense was included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

We develop key assumptions for purposes of measuring liabilities as of December 31st and expenses for the subsequent year. These assumptions include the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets, discount rate, compensation/progression rate, and health care cost trend rates and are discussed below.

Expected Long-Term Rate of Return on Plan Assets: In developing this assumption, we consider historical and expected returns and input from our consultants. Our expected long-term rate of return on assets is based on assumptions regarding target asset allocations and corresponding expected rates of return for each asset class. We routinely review the actual asset allocations and periodically rebalance the investments to the targeted asset allocations when appropriate. For the year ended December 31, 2013, our aggregate expected long-term rate of return assumption of 8.25 percent was used to determine our pension and PBOP expense. For the forecasted 2014 pension and PBOP expense, our expected long-term rate of return of 8.25 percent for all plans was used reflecting our target asset allocations within both the NUSCO and NSTAR Pension and PBOP Plans.

Discount Rate: Payment obligations related to the Pension Plans and PBOP Plans are discounted at interest rates applicable to the expected timing of each plan's cash flows. The discount rate that is utilized in determining the pension and PBOP obligations is based on a yield-curve approach. This approach is based on a population of bonds with an average rating of AA based on bond ratings by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, and uses bonds with above median yields within that population. The discount rates determined on this basis were 5.03 percent for the NUSCO Pension Plan, 4.85 percent for the NSTAR Pension Plan, 4.78 percent for the NUSCO PBOP Plans and 5.10 percent for the NSTAR PBOP Plan as of December 31, 2013.

Compensation/Progression Rate: This assumption reflects the expected long-term salary growth rate, which impacts the estimated benefits that pension plan participants receive in the future. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, we used a compensation/progression rate of 3.5 percent for the NUSCO Pension Plan and 4 percent for the NSTAR Pension Plan, which reflects our current expectation of future salary increases, including consideration of the levels of increases built into collective bargaining agreements.

Actuarial Determination of Expense: Pension and PBOP expense is determined by our actuaries and consists of service cost and prior service cost, interest cost based on the discounting of the obligations, amortization of actuarial gains and losses and amortization of the net transition obligation (which was fully amortized in 2013), offset by the expected return on plan assets. Actuarial gains and losses represent differences between assumptions and actual information or updated assumptions.

We determine the expected return on plan assets for the NUSCO Pension and PBOP Plans by applying our assumed rate of return to a four-year rolling average of plan asset fair values, which reduces year-to-year volatility. This calculation recognizes investment gains or losses over a four-year period from the years in which they occur.

Investment gains or losses for this purpose are the difference between the calculated expected return and the actual return or loss based on the change in the fair value of assets during the year. As of December 31, 2013, investment gains and losses that remain to be reflected in the calculation of plan assets over the next four years were losses of \$41.8 million and gains of \$27.6 million for the NUSCO Pension Plan and PBOP Plans, respectively. As investment gains and losses are reflected in the average plan asset fair values, they are subject to amortization with other unrecognized actuarial gains or losses. The plans currently amortize unrecognized actuarial gains or losses as a component of pension and PBOP expense over the average future employee service period. As of December 31, 2013, the net unrecognized actuarial losses on the NUSCO Pension and PBOP Plan liabilities were \$628.8 million and \$111 million, respectively. For the NSTAR Pension and PBOP Plans, the entire difference between the actual and expected return on plan assets as of December 31, 2013 is immediately reflected as a component of unrecognized actuarial gains or losses to be amortized over the estimated average future service period of the employees. As of December 31, 2013, the net unrecognized actuarial losses on the NSTAR Pension and PBOP Plan liabilities were approximately \$498 million and \$12.1 million, respectively.

Forecasted Expenses and Expected Contributions: Based upon the assumptions and methodologies discussed above, we estimate that the combined expense for the Pension and PBOP Plans will be \$132 million and \$9.1 million, respectively, in 2014. Pension and PBOP expense for subsequent years will depend on future investment performance, changes in future discount rates and other assumptions, and various other factors related to the populations participating in the plans. Pension and PBOP expense charged to earnings is net of the amounts capitalized.

We expect to continue our policy to contribute to the NUSCO PBOP Plans at the amount of PBOP expense excluding any curtailments and the NSTAR PBOP Plan at an amount that approximates benefit payments. We contributed \$57.6 million to the PBOP Plans in 2013 and expect to contribute \$39.7 million in 2014. NU's policy is to fund the Pension Plans annually in an amount at least equal to an amount that will satisfy the federal requirements. NU made contributions to the NUSCO Pension Plan totaling \$202.7 million in 2013, of which \$108.3 million was contributed by PSNH. NSTAR Electric contributed \$82 million to the NSTAR Pension Plan in 2013. Our Pension Plan funded ratio (the value of plan assets divided by the funding target in accordance with the requirements and guidelines of the PPA) was 94.6 percent and 96 percent as of January 1, 2013 for the NUSCO Pension Plan and NSTAR Pension Plan, respectively. We currently estimate that aggregate contributions of \$71.6 million to the Pension Plans will be made in 2014. Fluctuations in the average discount rate used to calculate expected contributions to the Pension Plans can have a significant impact on the amounts.

Sensitivity Analysis: The following represents the hypothetical increase to the Pension Plans (excluding SERP) and PBOP Plans reported annual cost as a result of a change in the following assumptions by 50 basis points:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> Assumption Change | Pension Plan Cost | | | PBOP Plan Cost | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|----|----------------|------|-----|
| | 2013 | As of December 31, | | 2013 | 2012 | |
| | | 2012 | | | 2012 | |
| NU | | | | | | |
| Lower long-term rate of return | \$ 17.2 | \$ 15.0 | \$ | \$ 3.4 | \$ | 3.1 |
| Lower discount rate | \$ 22.3 | \$ 22.0 | \$ | \$ 6.8 | \$ | 6.7 |
| Higher compensation increase | \$ 12.4 | \$ 10.4 | | N/A | | N/A |
| NSTAR Plans | | | | | | |
| Lower long-term rate of return | \$ 5.6 | \$ 4.8 | \$ | \$ 1.8 | \$ | 1.7 |
| Lower discount rate | \$ 5.4 | \$ 6.8 | \$ | \$ 3.4 | \$ | 4.1 |
| Higher compensation increase | \$ 3.8 | \$ 3.6 | | N/A | | N/A |

Changes in pension and PBOP costs would not impact net income for the NSTAR Plans as their expenses are fully recovered in rates, which reconcile each year relative to the change in costs.

Health Care Cost: The health care cost trend rate assumption used to calculate the 2013 PBOP expense amounts was 7 percent for the NUSCO PBOP Plan, subsequently decreasing by 50 basis points per year to an ultimate rate of 5 percent in 2017, and 7.10 percent for the NSTAR PBOP Plan, subsequently decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5 percent in 2024. As of December 31, 2013, the health care cost trend rate assumption used to determine the NUSCO and NSTAR PBOP Plans year end funded status is 7 percent, subsequently decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5 percent in 2024. The effect of a hypothetical increase in the health care cost trend rate by one percentage point would be an increase to the service and interest cost components of PBOP Plan expense by \$7.1million in 2013, with a \$85.8 million impact on the postretirement benefit obligation. See Note 10A, "Employee Benefits - Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions," to the financial statements for more information.

Goodwill: We have recorded approximately \$3.5 billion of goodwill associated with the previous mergers and acquisitions. NU has identified its reporting units for purposes of allocating and testing goodwill as Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution. These reporting units are consistent with our operating segments underlying our reportable segments. Electric Distribution and Electric Transmission reporting units include carrying values for the respective components of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. The Natural Gas reporting unit includes the carrying values of NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas. As of December 31, 2013, goodwill was allocated to the reporting units as follows: \$2.5 billion to Electric Distribution, \$0.6 billion to Electric Transmission, and \$0.4 billion to Natural Gas Distribution.

We are required to test goodwill balances for impairment at least annually by considering the fair value of the reporting units, which requires us to use estimates and judgments. We have selected October 1st of each year as the annual goodwill impairment testing date. Goodwill impairment is deemed to exist if the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value and if the implied fair value of goodwill based on the estimated fair values of the

reporting units' assets and liabilities is less than the carrying amount of the goodwill. If goodwill were deemed to be impaired, it would be written down in the current period to the extent of the impairment.

We performed an impairment test as of October 1, 2013 for the Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution reporting units. This evaluation required the test of several factors that impact the fair value of the reporting units, including conditions and assumptions that affect the future cash flows of the reporting units.

The 2013 goodwill impairment test resulted in a conclusion that goodwill is not impaired and none of the reporting units is at risk of a goodwill impairment.

Income Taxes: Income tax expense is estimated annually for each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves estimating current and deferred income tax expense or benefit and the impact of temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for financial reporting and income tax return reporting purposes. Such differences are the result of timing of the deduction for expenses, as well as any impact of permanent differences, non-tax deductible expenses, or other items, including items that directly impact our tax return as a result of a regulatory activity (flow-through items). The temporary differences and flow-through items result in deferred tax assets and liabilities that are included in the balance sheets. The income tax estimation process impacts all of our segments. We record income tax expense quarterly using an estimated annualized effective tax rate.

A reconciliation of expected tax expense at the statutory federal income tax rate to actual tax expense recorded is included in Note 11, "Income Taxes," to the financial statements.

We also account for uncertainty in income taxes, which applies to all income tax positions previously filed in a tax return and income tax positions expected to be taken in a future tax return that have been reflected on our balance sheets. We follow generally accepted accounting principles to address the methodology to be used in recognizing, measuring and classifying the amounts associated with tax positions that are deemed to be uncertain, including related interest and penalties. The determination of whether a tax position meets the recognition threshold under this guidance is based on facts and circumstances available to us. Once a tax position meets the recognition threshold, the tax benefit is measured using a cumulative probability assessment. Assigning probabilities in measuring a recognized tax position and evaluating new information or events in subsequent periods requires significant judgment and could change previous conclusions used to measure the tax position estimate. New information or events may include tax examinations or appeals.

(including information gained from those examinations), developments in case law, settlements of tax positions, changes in tax law and regulations, rulings by taxing authorities and statute of limitation expirations. Such information or events may have a significant impact on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Accounting for Environmental Reserves: Environmental reserves are accrued when assessments indicate it is probable that a liability has been incurred and an amount can be reasonably estimated. Adjustments made to estimates of environmental liabilities could have a significant impact on earnings. We estimate these liabilities based on findings through various phases of the assessment, considering the most likely action plan from a variety of available remediation options (ranging from no action required to full site remediation and long-term monitoring), current site information from our site assessments, remediation estimates from third party engineering and remediation contractors, and our prior experience in remediating contaminated sites. Our estimates incorporate currently enacted state and federal environmental laws and regulations and data released by the EPA and other organizations. The estimates associated with each possible action plan are judgmental in nature partly because there are usually several different remediation options from which to choose. Our estimates are subject to revision in future periods based on actual costs or new information from other sources, including the level of contamination at the site, the extent of our responsibility or the extent of remediation required, recently enacted laws and regulations or a change in cost estimates due to certain economic factors.

For further information, see Note 12A, "Commitments and Contingencies - Environmental Matters," to the financial statements.

Fair Value Measurements: We follow fair value measurement guidance that defines fair value as the price that would be received for the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). We have applied this guidance to our Company's derivative contracts that are recorded at fair value, marketable securities held in NU's supplemental benefit trust and WMECO's spent nuclear fuel trust, the marketable securities held in CYAPC's and YAEC's nuclear decommissioning trusts, our valuations of investments in our Pension and PBOP plans, and nonrecurring fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets such as goodwill and AROs.

Changes in fair value of the regulated company derivative contracts are recorded as Regulatory Assets or Liabilities, as we expect to recover the costs of these contracts in rates. These valuations are sensitive to the prices of energy and energy-related products in future years for which markets have not yet developed and assumptions are made.

We use quoted market prices when available to determine fair values of financial instruments. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is determined using quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments that are not active and model-derived valuations. When quoted prices in active markets for the same or similar instruments are not available, we value derivative contracts using models that incorporate both observable and unobservable inputs. Significant unobservable inputs utilized in the models include energy and energy-related product prices for future years for long-dated derivative contracts, future contract quantities under full requirements and supplemental sales contracts, and market volatilities. Discounted cash flow valuations incorporate estimates of premiums or discounts, reflecting risk adjusted profit that would be required by a market

participant to arrive at an exit price, using available historical market transaction information. Valuations of derivative contracts also reflect our estimates of nonperformance risk, including credit risk.

For further information on derivative contracts and marketable securities, see Note II, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Derivative Accounting," Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," and Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

Other Matters

Accounting Standards Recently Adopted: For information regarding new accounting standards, see Note 1C, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Accounting Standards," to the financial statements.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments: Information regarding our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2013 is summarized annually through 2018 and thereafter as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Long-term debt maturities (a) | \$ 576.7 | \$ 216.7 | \$ 200.0 | \$ 745.0 | \$ 810.0 | \$ 5,031.6 | \$ 7,580.0 |
| Estimated interest payments on existing debt (b) | 329.1 | 309.9 | 304.1 | 299.6 | 247.3 | 2,124.6 | 3,614.6 |
| Capital leases (c) | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 16.8 |
| Operating leases (d) | 20.1 | 18.1 | 15.4 | 12.4 | 8.5 | 22.3 | 96.8 |
| Funding of pension obligations (d) (h) | 71.6 | 188.4 | 173.7 | 127.9 | 36.3 | - | 597.9 |
| Funding of other postretirement benefit obligations (d) | 39.7 | 37.2 | 18.0 | 15.2 | 14.4 | - | 124.5 |
| Estimated future annual long-term contractual costs (e) | 705.4 | 615.6 | 538.1 | 428.7 | 368.1 | 2,385.6 | 5,041.5 |
| Other purchase commitments (d) (g) | 1,550.7 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,550.7 |
| Total (f) (i) | \$ 3,295.9 | \$ 1,388.3 | \$ 1,251.5 | \$ 1,630.9 | \$ 1,486.7 | \$ 9,569.5 | \$ 18,622.8 |

CL&P

(Millions of Dollars)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Long-term debt maturities ^(a) | \$ 150.0 | \$ 162.0 | \$ - | \$ 250.0 | \$ 300.0 | \$ 1,640.3 | \$ 2,502.3 |
| Estimated interest payments on existing debt ^(b) | 127.9 | 118.2 | 115.7 | 111.7 | 93.4 | 953.7 | 1,520.6 |
| Capital leases ^(c) | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 15.4 |
| Operating leases ^(d) | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 18.1 |
| Funding of pension obligations ^{(d) (h)} | - | - | 0.5 | 10.2 | 5.4 | - | 16.1 |
| Funding of other postretirement benefit obligations ^(d) | 4.2 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 11.2 |
| Estimated future annual long-term contractual costs ^(e) | 256.1 | 249.9 | 247.2 | 191.1 | 176.8 | 872.6 | 1,993.7 |
| Other purchase commitments ^{(d) (g)} | 678.9 | - | - | - | - | - | 678.9 |
| Total ^{(f) (i)} | \$ 1,223.2 | \$ 539.1 | \$ 370.1 | \$ 567.3 | \$ 579.4 | \$ 3,477.2 | \$ 6,756.3 |

(a)

Long-term debt maturities exclude fees and interest due for spent nuclear fuel disposal costs, net unamortized premiums and discounts, and other fair value adjustments.

(b)

Estimated interest payments on fixed-rate debt are calculated by multiplying the coupon rate on the debt by its scheduled notional amount outstanding for the period of measurement. Estimated interest payments on floating-rate debt are calculated by multiplying the average of the 2013 floating-rate resets on the debt by its scheduled notional amount outstanding for the period of measurement. This same rate is then assumed for the remaining life of the debt.

(c)

The capital lease obligations include imputed interest.

(d)

Amounts are not included on our balance sheets.

(e)

Other than the net mark-to-market changes on derivative contracts held by the Regulated companies, these obligations are not included on our balance sheets.

(f)

Does not include unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2013, as we cannot make reasonable estimates of the periods or the potential amounts of cash settlement with the respective taxing authorities. Also does not include an NU contingent commitment of approximately \$38.1 million to an energy investment fund, which would be invested under certain conditions, as we cannot make reasonable estimates of the periods or the investment contributions.

(g)

Amount represents open purchase orders, excluding those obligations that are included in the capital leases, operating leases and estimated future annual long-term contractual costs. These payments are subject to change as certain purchase orders include estimates based on projected quantities of material and/or services that are provided on demand, the timing of which cannot be determined. Because payment timing cannot be determined, we include all open purchase order amounts in 2014.

(h)

These amounts represent NU's estimated minimum pension contributions to its qualified Pension Plans required under federal legislation. Contributions in 2015 through 2018 and thereafter will vary depending on many factors, including the performance of existing plan assets, valuation of the plan's liabilities and long-term discount rates, and are subject to change.

(i)

Excludes other long-term liabilities, including the unrecognized tax benefits described above, deferred contractual obligations, environmental reserves, employee medical insurance and other reserves (\$26.7 million at NU and \$13.5 million at CL&P), workers compensation and long-term disability insurance reserves (\$43.3 million at NU and \$21.5 million at CL&P) and the ARO liability reserves as we cannot make reasonable estimates of the timing of payments.

For further information regarding our contractual obligations and commercial commitments, see Note 8, "Short-Term Debt," Note 9, "Long-Term Debt," Note 10A, "Employee Benefits - Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions," Note 12B, "Commitments and Contingencies - Long-Term Contractual Arrangements," and Note 13, "Leases," to the financial statements.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items for the consolidated statements of income for NU included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011. The year ended December 31, 2012 amounts include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012:

Comparison of 2013 to 2012:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ^(a) | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 7,301.2 | \$ 6,273.8 | \$ 1,027.4 | 16.4 % |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 2,483.0 | 2,084.4 | 398.6 | 19.1 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 1,515.0 | 1,583.1 | (68.1) | (4.3) |
| Depreciation | 610.8 | 519.0 | 91.8 | 17.7 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 206.3 | 79.8 | 126.5 | (b) |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 42.6 | 142.0 | (99.4) | (70.0) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 401.9 | 313.1 | 88.8 | 28.4 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 512.2 | 434.2 | 78.0 | 18.0 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 5,771.8 | 5,155.6 | 616.2 | 12.0 |
| Operating Income | \$ 1,529.4 | \$ 1,118.2 | \$ 411.2 | 36.8 % |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

(b) Percent greater than 100 percent not shown as it is not meaningful.

Operating Revenues

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ^(a) | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Electric Distribution | \$ 5,362.3 | \$ 4,716.5 | \$ 645.8 | 13.7 % |
| Natural Gas Distribution | 855.8 | 572.9 | 282.9 | 49.4 |
| Total Distribution | 6,218.1 | 5,289.4 | 928.7 | 17.6 |
| Transmission | 978.7 | 861.5 | 117.2 | 13.6 |
| Total Regulated Companies | 7,196.8 | 6,150.9 | 1,045.9 | 17.0 |
| Other and Eliminations | 104.4 | 122.9 | (18.5) | (15.1) |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$ 7,301.2 | \$ 6,273.8 | \$ 1,027.4 | 16.4 % |

(a)

The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

A summary of our retail electric sales and firm natural gas sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 (a) | Increase | Percent |
| Retail Electric Sales in GWh | 55,331 | 54,808 | 523 | 1.0 % |
| Firm Natural Gas Sales in Million Cubic Feet | 98,258 | 87,527 | 10,731 | 12.3 % |

(a)

Results include retail electric sales of NSTAR Electric and the firm natural gas sales of NSTAR Gas from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for comparative purposes only.

Our Operating Revenues increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations. During the first quarter of 2013, the former operating subsidiaries of NSTAR contributed approximately \$800 million of operating revenues. Absent the first quarter 2013 NSTAR operating revenues, our Operating Revenues increased approximately \$227 million due primarily to:

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A \$62.5 million increase in transmission revenues, net of applicable eliminations, as a result of the recovery of higher transmission expenses and continuing investments in our transmission infrastructure. The increase was partially offset by the establishment of a reserve related to the FERC ALJ initial decision in the third quarter of 2013.

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A \$34.3 million increase in base electric distribution revenues, net of applicable eliminations, reflecting an increase of approximately 1 percent in retail electric sales. The increase in sales volumes was driven primarily by the colder winter weather experienced throughout our service territories in early and late 2013. In addition, the increase in revenues resulted from the NHPUC-approved distribution rate increases at PSNH effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 as a result of the 2010 distribution rate case settlement. These positive impacts on revenue were partially offset by the impact of our company-sponsored energy efficiency programs.

A \$28.8 million increase in firm natural gas distribution revenues. This increase was driven by the colder winter weather in early and late 2013, residential customer growth, an increase in natural gas conversions, the migration of interruptible customers switching to firm service rates and the addition of gas-fired distributed generation.

The remaining increase was due primarily to higher revenues from our tracker mechanisms related to the recovery of energy supply, retail transmission and company-sponsored energy efficiency programs. Revenues related to cost recovery mechanisms vary from period to period based on the timing of collections of the costs incurred. These revenues had no material impact on earnings.

Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 Increase/(Decrease) Compared to 2012 | |
|--|--|--------|
| The addition of NSTAR's operations | \$ | 321.4 |
| Transmission segment costs | | 70.8 |
| Firm natural gas sales related costs | | 42.0 |
| Partially offset by: | | |
| Electric distribution segment fuel and energy supply costs | | (13.9) |
| CfDs and capacity contracts | | (12.0) |
| All other items | | (9.7) |
| | \$ | 398.6 |

Operations and Maintenance decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Increase/(Decrease) | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|
| The addition of NSTAR's operations | \$ | 123.6 |
| Partially offset by: | | |
| Integration, merger and settlement agreement costs | | (150.3) |
| NU's unregulated contracting business costs | | (17.4) |
| General and administrative costs | | (12.9) |
| Transmission segment costs | | (5.2) |
| Natural gas segment costs | | 10.5 |
| Electric distribution segment costs | | 1.3 |
| All other items | | (17.7) |
| | \$ | (68.1) |

Depreciation increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR (\$54.2 million) and the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC (\$13.7 million). Excluding the impact of NSTAR and the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, depreciation increased due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Increase/(Decrease) | |
|--|----------------------------|-------|
| The addition of NSTAR's operations | \$ | 45.8 |
| Recovery of transition costs at NSTAR Electric | | 91.9 |
| Amortization related to CL&P's SBC and CTA | | (6.8) |
| Other | | (4.4) |
| | \$ | 126.5 |

Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the maturity of NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's, and WMECO's RRBs in 2013, partially offset by the addition of NSTAR Electric's amortization (\$15.1 million).

Energy Efficiency Programs increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$68.6 million), as well as an increase in energy efficiency costs in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU at NSTAR Electric and WMECO. All costs are fully recovered through DPU-approved tracking mechanisms and therefore do not impact earnings.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$37.8 million). In addition, there was an increase in property taxes (\$36.6 million) as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment and an increase in the property tax rates, and an increase in the Connecticut gross earnings tax (\$9.1 million) attributable to an increase in gross earnings.

Interest Expense increased \$8.8 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$22 million) and lower interest income on deferred transition costs (\$10.6 million), partially offset by a decrease in Other Interest due primarily to the favorable impact from the resolution of a state income tax audit in the first quarter of 2013, lower interest on short-term debt (\$8.8 million) and lower interest on RRBs (\$6.1 million).

Other Income, Net increased \$10.2 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher gains on the NU supplemental benefit trust (\$6 million) and an increase related to officer insurance policies (\$1.7 million).

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ^(a) | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 426.9 | \$ 274.9 | \$ 152.0 | 55.3% |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

Income Tax Expense increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$81 million), the absence in 2013 of both prior year Connecticut and Massachusetts merger settlement agreement impacts (\$41 million) and integration merger impacts (\$23 million), along with various other items (\$7 million).

Comparison of 2012 to 2011:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|---|------------|-------------------------|---------|
| | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 6,273.8 | \$ 4,465.7 | \$ 1,808.1 | 40.5 % |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 2,084.4 | 1,657.9 | 426.5 | 25.7 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 1,583.1 | 1,095.4 | 487.7 | 44.5 |
| Depreciation | 519.0 | 302.2 | 216.8 | 71.7 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 79.8 | 91.1 | (11.3) | (12.4) |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 142.0 | 69.9 | 72.1 | (b) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 313.1 | 131.4 | 181.7 | (b) |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 434.2 | 323.6 | 110.6 | 34.2 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 5,155.6 | 3,671.5 | 1,484.1 | 40.4 |
| Operating Income | \$ 1,118.2 | \$ 794.2 | \$ 324.0 | 40.8 % |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

(b) Percent greater than 100 percent not shown as it is not meaningful.

Operating Revenues

For the Years Ended December 31,

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| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | Increase | Percent |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Electric Distribution | \$ 4,716.5 | \$ 3,343.1 | \$ 1,373.4 | 41.1 % |
| Natural Gas Distribution | 572.9 | 430.8 | 142.1 | 33.0 |
| Total Distribution | 5,289.4 | 3,773.9 | 1,515.5 | 40.2 |
| Transmission | 861.5 | 635.4 | 226.1 | 35.6 |
| Total Regulated Companies | 6,150.9 | 4,409.3 | 1,741.6 | 39.5 |
| Other and Eliminations | 122.9 | 56.4 | 66.5 | (b) |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$ 6,273.8 | \$ 4,465.7 | \$ 1,808.1 | 40.5 % |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

(b) Percent greater than 100 percent not shown as it is not meaningful.

A summary of our retail electric sales and firm natural gas sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | Increase | Percent |
| Retail Electric Sales in GWh | 49,718 | 33,812 | 15,906 | 47.0 % |
| Firm Natural Gas Sales in Million Cubic Feet | 69,894 | 46,880 | 23,014 | 49.1 % |

(a) Includes the retail electric and firm natural gas sales of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

Our Operating Revenues increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR, which included electric distribution revenues of approximately \$1.7 billion, transmission revenues of approximately \$50 million, natural gas revenues of approximately \$200 million and other revenues of approximately \$15 million, and the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC revenues of approximately \$40 million. Excluding the impact of NSTAR's operations and the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, our Operating Revenues decreased due to the following:

Lower electric distribution segment revenues related to the portions that are included in regulatory commission approved tracking mechanisms that recover certain incurred costs and do not impact earnings. The tracking mechanisms allow for rates to be changed periodically with overcollections refunded to customers or undercollections recovered from customers in future

periods. The tracked electric distribution revenues decreased due primarily to lower energy and supply-related costs (\$241.8 million), lower CL&P CTA revenues (\$46.3 million), lower wholesale revenues (\$44.4 million), lower retail transmission revenues (\$17.8 million), partially offset by higher CL&P FMCC delivery-related revenues (\$82.4 million), higher SCRC revenues at PSNH (\$34.2 million) and higher CL&P retail SBC revenues (\$22.5 million).

A decrease in natural gas segment revenues due primarily to a 4.3 percent decrease in Yankee Gas' sales volume related to the warmer than normal weather in the heating season of 2012, as compared to the heating season of 2011. In addition, there was a decrease in the cost of natural gas, which is fully recovered in revenues from sales to our customers.

Partially offset by:

Improved transmission segment revenues resulting from a higher level of investment in transmission infrastructure and the recovery of higher overall expenses, which are tracked and result in a related increase in revenues. The increase in expenses is directly related to the increase in transmission plant, primarily at WMECO, including costs associated with higher property taxes, depreciation and operation and maintenance expenses.

An increase at PSNH related to the sale of oil to a third party (\$20.8 million) in the second quarter of 2012, resulting in a benefit to customers through lower ES rates that does not impact earnings.

The portion of electric distribution segment revenues that impacts earnings increased \$8.8 million due primarily to CL&P regulatory incentives of \$11.5 million and C&LM incentives of \$6.2 million at CL&P, partially offset by a decrease in retail electric sales related to the warmer than normal winter weather in 2012, as compared to the winter of 2011.

Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the following:

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|------------------------------|--|
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2012 Increase/(Decrease) Compared to 2011 |
|------------------------------|--|

| | | |
|--|----|---------|
| The addition of NSTAR's operations | \$ | 640.0 |
| Lower GSC supply costs, partially offset by higher CfD costs at CL&P | | (124.3) |
| Lower natural gas costs and lower sales at Yankee Gas | | (45.4) |
| Lower purchased transmission costs and lower Basic Service costs at WMECO | | (25.4) |
| Lower purchased power costs, partially offset by higher transmission costs at PSNH | | (8.6) |
| All other items | | (9.8) |
| | \$ | 426.5 |

Operations and Maintenance increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations, which included operating expenses of \$320.8 million and maintenance expense of \$50.4 million.

Excluding the impact of NSTAR's operations, Operations and Maintenance increased due primarily to:

Higher NU parent and other companies' expenses (\$70.1 million) that were due primarily to the increase in costs related to the completion of NU's merger with NSTAR (\$55.9 million) and higher costs at NU's unregulated contracting business related to an increased level of work in 2012 (\$16.3 million).

The establishment of a reserve related to major storm restoration costs (\$40 million) at CL&P and bill credits to customers at CL&P and WMECO (\$25 million and \$3 million, respectively) as a result of the Connecticut and Massachusetts settlement agreements. In addition, there were higher electric distribution business expenses (\$31.6 million) mainly as a result of general and administrative expenses primarily related to higher pension costs.

Partially offsetting these increases was the absence in 2012 of the storm fund reserve established in 2011 to provide bill credits to residential customers as a result of the October 2011 snowstorm and to provide contributions to certain Connecticut charitable organizations (\$30 million) at CL&P, a decrease in the amortization of the regulatory deferral allowed in the 2010 rate case decision (\$21.4 million) at CL&P and lower maintenance costs at PSNH's generation business due to less planned outage maintenance in 2012 (\$17.8 million).

Depreciation increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's utility plant balances (\$148.4 million) and an increase as a result of the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC (\$40.3 million). Excluding the impact of NSTAR and the consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, Depreciation increased due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to a decrease in ES and TCAM amortization at PSNH (\$46.9 million and \$20.2 million, respectively), and higher CTA transition costs (\$21.5 million) and lower CTA revenues (\$46.3 million) at CL&P. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase related to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$87.5 million), lower SBC costs (\$7.6 million) and higher

retail SBC revenues (\$22.5 million) at CL&P, and an increase in SCRC amortization at PSNH (\$13.5 million).

Amortization of RRBs increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR Electric's amortization (\$67.7 million).

Energy Efficiency Programs increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$169.4 million). In addition, there was an increase in expenses at WMECO attributable to an increase in spending in accordance with DPU approved energy efficiency programs. The increase in energy efficiency spending is recovered in rates and therefore does not impact earnings.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$96.4 million). In addition, there was an increase in property taxes as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment related to our regulated capital programs and an increase in the property tax rates.

Interest Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--|
| | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | \$ 316.9 | \$ 231.6 | \$ 85.3 | 36.8 % | |
| Interest on RRBs | 6.2 | 8.6 | (2.4) | (27.9) | |
| Other Interest | 6.8 | 10.2 | (3.4) | (33.3) | |
| | \$ 329.9 | \$ 250.4 | \$ 79.5 | 31.7 % | |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

Interest Expense increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the addition of NSTAR's operations (\$70.6 million). The additional increase in Interest on Long-Term Debt was a result of the \$260 million in new long-term debt issuances in September 2011 and higher short-term borrowings resulting in higher interest expense.

Other Income, Net decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to lower AFUDC related to equity funds at PSNH as the Clean Air Project was placed into service in September 2011, partially offset by net gains on the NU supplemental benefit trust in 2012, compared to net losses in 2011.

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2012 ^(a) | 2011 | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 274.9 | \$ 171.0 | \$ 103.9 | 60.8% |

(a) The 2012 results include the operations of NSTAR beginning April 10, 2012.

Income Tax Expense increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$141.4 million), less favorable adjustments for prior year's taxes (\$21.3 million) and lower items that directly impact our tax return as a result of regulatory actions (flow-through items) (\$3.4 million), partially offset by Connecticut and Massachusetts settlement agreement impacts (\$41 million) and merger impacts (\$19.9 million).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items for the statements of income for CL&P included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011:

Comparison of 2013 to 2012:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,442.3 | \$ 2,407.4 | \$ 34.9 | 1.4 % |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 872.8 | 858.2 | 14.6 | 1.7 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 523.2 | 635.7 | (112.5) | (17.7) |
| Depreciation | 177.6 | 166.9 | 10.7 | 6.4 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 4.9 | 14.4 | (9.5) | (66.0) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 89.8 | 89.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 234.4 | 215.9 | 18.5 | 8.6 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,902.7 | 1,980.4 | (77.7) | (3.9) |
| Operating Income | \$ 539.6 | \$ 427.0 | \$ 112.6 | 26.4 % |

Operating Revenues

CL&P's retail sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Retail Sales in GWh | 22,404 | 22,109 | 295 | 1.3 % |

CL&P's Operating Revenues increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to:

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A \$15.8 million increase in transmission revenues reflecting recovery of higher transmission expenses and continuing transmission infrastructure investments. The increase was partially offset by the establishment of a reserve related to the FERC ALJ initial decision in the third quarter of 2013.
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A \$13.5 million increase in base distribution revenues reflecting a 1.3 percent increase in retail sales. This increase was due primarily to the colder winter weather experienced in early and late 2013.

The remaining \$5.6 million increase was due primarily to higher collections of costs through reconciling cost mechanisms. These revenues are fully reconciled to the related costs. Therefore this increase in revenues had no impact on earnings.

Purchased Power and Transmission increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 Increase/(Decrease) Compared to 2012 | |
|------------------------------|--|--------|
| Transmission Costs | \$ | 45.8 |
| Deferred Fuel Costs | | 28.7 |
| GSC Supply Costs | | (44.2) |
| Purchased Power Contracts | | (12.1) |
| CfD Costs | | (7.3) |
| Other | | 3.7 |
| | \$ | 14.6 |

The increase in transmission costs was the result of an increase in the retail transmission deferral, which related rates are adjusted on an annual basis as a result of collecting or refunding costs of the transmission systems to customers.

The decrease in GSC supply costs was due primarily to lower average supply prices. On July 1, 2013, CL&P began to procure approximately thirty percent of GSC load. Costs associated with the remaining seventy percent of the GSC load are the contractual amounts CL&P must pay to various suppliers that have been awarded the right to supply SS and LRS load through a competitive solicitation process. Purchased Power and Transmission costs are included in regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms and do not impact earnings.

Operations and Maintenance decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the absence in 2013 of costs recognized in the second quarter of 2012 as a result of the Connecticut merger settlement agreement (which established a \$40 million storm fund reserve and provided a \$25 million bill credit to customers). In addition, there were lower distribution operating costs (\$10.2 million), the absence in 2013 of amortization of the PBOP transition obligation (\$6.1 million), lower distribution general and administrative costs (\$7.5 million) and lower distribution costs related to customer Energy Independence Act incentives (\$6.3 million). These lower costs were partially offset by an increase in distribution routine maintenance and storm-related costs (\$7.4 million).

Depreciation increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to a lower net SBC deferral, partially offset by a higher net CTA deferral. SBC revenues were \$23 million lower in 2013, as compared to 2012, partially offset by higher hardship program costs of \$6.6 million in 2013. CTA revenues were \$13.9 million higher in 2013, as compared to 2012, and costs were \$30.5 million lower in 2013, as compared to 2012. DOE refunds of \$21.6 million were returned to customers in the second half of 2013.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment and an increase in the property tax rates (\$11.5 million). In addition, there was an increase in the Connecticut gross earnings tax attributable to an increase in gross earnings (\$7.6 million).

Interest Expense increased \$0.5 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher interest on long-term debt (\$5.7 million), partially offset by a decrease in other interest as a result of a favorable impact from the resolution of a state income tax audit in the first quarter of 2013 (\$5.4 million).

Other Income increased \$4.8 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher gains on the NU supplemental benefit trust.

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 141.7 | \$ 94.4 | \$ 47.3 | 50.1% |

Income Tax Expense increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$17.1 million), the absence in 2013 of the impact of costs recognized as a result of the Connecticut merger settlement agreement (\$26.6 million), and higher state taxes (\$5.7 million), partially offset by various other items (\$2.1 million).

Comparison of 2012 to 2011:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,407.4 | \$ 2,548.4 | \$ (141.0) | (5.5)% |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 858.2 | 982.5 | (124.3) | (12.7) |
| Operations and Maintenance | 635.7 | 580.7 | 55.0 | 9.5 |
| Depreciation | 166.9 | 157.8 | 9.1 | 5.8 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 14.4 | 61.0 | (46.6) | (76.4) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 89.3 | 90.3 | (1.0) | (1.1) |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 215.9 | 212.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,980.4 | 2,085.2 | (104.8) | (5.0) |
| Operating Income | \$ 427.0 | \$ 463.2 | \$ (36.2) | (7.8)% |

Operating Revenues

CL&P's retail sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Decrease | Percent |
| Retail Sales in GWh | 22,109 | 22,315 | (206) | (0.9)% |

CL&P's Operating Revenues decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to:

A \$133.6 million decrease in distribution revenues related to the portions that are included in PURA approved tracking mechanisms that recover certain incurred costs and do not impact earnings. The tracking mechanisms allow for rates to be changed periodically with overcollections refunded to customers or undercollections recovered from customers in future periods. The tracked distribution revenues decreased due primarily to lower GSC and FMCC supply-related revenues (\$150.8 million), lower CTA revenues (\$46.3 million), lower wholesale revenues (\$33.5 million), and lower retail transmission revenues (\$4.3 million). The lower GSC and FMCC supply-related revenues were due primarily to lower customer rates resulting from lower average supply prices and lower sales related to additional customer migration to third party electric suppliers in 2012. Partially offsetting these decreases were higher FMCC delivery-related revenues (\$82.4 million) and higher retail SBC revenues (\$22.5 million).

Partially offset by:

A \$7.6 million increase in the portion of distribution revenues that impacts earnings in 2012, compared to 2011, due primarily to regulatory incentives of \$11.5 million and C&LM incentives of \$6.2 million, partially offset by lower sales volume related to warmer than normal winter weather in 2012, as compared to the winter of 2011.

A \$7.2 million increase in transmission revenues resulting from an increased level of investment in transmission infrastructure and the recovery of higher overall expenses, which are subject to tracking mechanisms or processes (tracked) and result in a related increase in revenues. The increase in expenses is directly related to the increase in transmission plant, including costs associated with higher property taxes, depreciation and operation and maintenance expenses.

Purchased Power and Transmission decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2012 Increase/(Decrease) Compared to 2011 | |
|------------------------------|--|---------|
| GSC Supply Costs | \$ | (112.0) |
| Deferred Fuel Costs | | (33.4) |
| Transmission Costs | | (26.8) |
| Purchased Power Contracts | | (19.4) |
| CfD Costs | | 70.7 |
| Other | | (3.4) |
| | \$ | (124.3) |

The decrease in GSC supply costs was due to lower average supply prices and lower sales. The lower sales were due primarily to additional customer migration to third party electric suppliers. These GSC supply costs are the contractual amounts CL&P must pay to various suppliers that have been awarded the right to supply SS and LRS load through a competitive solicitation process. Purchased Power and Transmission costs are included in regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms and do not impact earnings.

Operations and Maintenance increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the establishment of a reserve related to major storm restoration costs (\$40 million) and a bill credit to customers (\$25 million) in the second quarter of 2012 as a result of the Connecticut settlement agreement. In addition, there were higher distribution business expenses as a result of higher general and administrative expenses primarily related to an increase in pension costs (\$20.2 million) and higher routine distribution maintenance (\$19.4 million). There were also higher distribution costs related to customer Energy Independence Act incentives, which are tracked

and fully recoverable through tracking mechanisms (\$6.5 million). Partially offsetting these increases was the absence in 2012 of the storm fund reserve established in 2011 to provide bill credits to residential customers as a result of the October 2011 snowstorm (\$30 million) and a decrease in the amortization of the regulatory deferral allowed in the 2010 rate case decision (\$21.4 million).

Depreciation increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to higher CTA transition costs (\$21.5 million) and lower CTA revenues (\$46.3 million). Partially offsetting these impacts were lower SBC costs (\$7.6 million) and higher retail SBC revenues (\$22.5 million).

Interest Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | Percent |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase/ (Decrease) | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | \$ 124.9 | \$ 131.9 | \$ (7.0) | (5.3)% | |
| Other Interest | 8.2 | 0.8 | 7.4 | (a) | |
| | \$ 133.1 | \$ 132.7 | \$ 0.4 | 0.3 % | |

(a) Percent greater than 100 percent not shown since it is not meaningful.

Interest on Long-Term Debt decreased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the refinancing of the PCRBs at a lower interest rate in October 2011. Other Interest increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to the absence of tax-related benefits recognized in 2011 and an increase in short-term borrowings resulting in higher interest expense.

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | Percent |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|----------|------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase | | |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 94.4 | \$ 90.0 | \$ 4.4 | 4.9% | |

Income Tax Expense increased in 2012, as compared to 2011, due primarily to less favorable adjustments for prior year's taxes (\$22.4 million), an increase to pre-tax earnings (\$13.8 million), partially offset by Connecticut settlement agreement impacts (\$26.6 million), and lower state tax and other impacts (\$5.2 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

| | For the Years Ended December | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 31, | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | 2012 |
| Income Before Merger-Related Costs | \$ 279.4 | \$ 248.1 |
| Merger-Related Costs (after-tax) ⁽¹⁾ | - | (38.4) |
| Net Income | \$ 279.4 | \$ 209.7 |

(1)

The 2012 after-tax merger-related costs consisted of charges related to the Connecticut merger settlement agreement, including \$14.8 million (\$25 million pre-tax) for customer bill credits and \$23.6 million (\$40 million pre-tax) whereby CL&P agreed to forego recovery of deferred storm costs associated with Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm.

Excluding the impact of merger-related costs, CL&P's earnings increased \$31.3 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to lower overall operations and maintenance costs and higher retail electric sales due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters of 2013. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts was the establishment of a \$7.7 million after-tax reserve related to the August 2013 FERC ALJ initial decision, higher depreciation and property tax expense.

LIQUIDITY

CL&P had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$495.3 million in 2013, compared with \$211.9 million in 2012. The improved cash flows were due primarily to a decrease of approximately \$75 million in cash disbursements for storm restoration costs associated primarily with Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm, the absence of approximately \$27 million in 2012 CL&P customer bill credits associated with the October 2011 snowstorm and the absence of \$25 million in 2012 CL&P customer bill credits associated with the Connecticut settlement agreement. In addition, operating cash flows benefitted from an increase in regulatory overrecoveries where such revenues exceeded costs resulting in a favorable cash flow impact, higher net income and timing of payables. Partially offsetting improved cash flows were income tax payments of \$55 million in 2013, compared with income tax refunds of \$42 million in 2012.

CL&P had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$211.9 million in 2012, compared with cash flows provided by operating activities of \$513.3 million in 2011. The reduced cash flows were due primarily to the \$223.1 million of cash disbursements for storm restoration costs primarily associated with Tropical Storm Irene, the October 2011 snowstorm, and Hurricane Sandy made in 2012, as compared to approximately \$132 million in 2011, the \$27 million in bill credits provided to residential customers in February 2012

related to the October 2011 snowstorm, the \$25 million in bill credits to customers associated with the Connecticut merger settlement agreement, and changes in traditional working capital amounts principally due to the changes in the timing of payments of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. In addition, CL&P had lower recovery of its deferred operation and maintenance costs of \$23.1 million in 2012, as compared to 2011, a negative cash flow impact of \$38.9 million resulting from changes in reserves for transmission refunds in 2012, as compared to 2011, and a decrease in income tax refunds of \$14.6 million in 2012, as compared to 2011.

Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment on the accompanying statements of cash flows do not include amounts incurred on capital projects but not yet paid, cost of removal, AFUDC related to equity funds, and the capitalized portions of pension expense. CL&P's investments totaled \$434.9 million in 2013, compared with \$449.1 million in 2012.

On January 15, 2013, CL&P issued \$400 million of 2.5 percent 2013 Series A First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, due to mature in 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings outstanding under the CL&P credit agreement of \$89 million and intercompany loans related to our commercial paper program of \$305.8 million. On September 3, 2013, CL&P redeemed at par \$125 million of 1.25 percent Series B 2011 PCRBs, which were subject to mandatory tender for purchase, using short-term debt.

On July 31, 2013, the FERC granted authorization allowing CL&P to incur total short-term borrowings up to a maximum of \$600 million, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

On September 6, 2013, NU parent and certain of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, amended their joint five-year \$1.15 billion revolving credit facility, dated July 25, 2012, by increasing the aggregate principal amount available thereunder by \$300 million to \$1.45 billion, extending the expiration date from July 25, 2017 to September 6, 2018, and increasing CL&P's borrowing sub-limit from \$300 million to \$600 million. Simultaneously, effective September 6, 2013, the CL&P \$300 million revolving credit facility was terminated. The revolving credit facility is to be used primarily to backstop the commercial paper program at NU. The commercial paper program allows NU parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt with intercompany loans to certain subsidiaries, including CL&P. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P had an intercompany loan payable to NU parent of \$287.3 million related to our commercial paper program.

Other financing activities in 2013 included \$152 million in common stock dividends to NU parent and a \$40 million capital contribution from NU parent.

CL&P uses its available capital resources to fund its construction expenditures, meet debt requirements, pay operating costs, including storm-related costs, pay dividends and fund other corporate obligations. The current growth in CL&P's transmission construction expenditures utilizes a significant amount of cash for projects that have a long-term return on investment and recovery period. In addition, CL&P recovers its distribution construction expenditures as the related project costs are depreciated over the life of the assets. As well, the future recovery of its deferred major

storm costs will take place over an extended period of time. This impacts the timing of the revenue stream designed to fully recover the total investment plus a return on the equity portion of the cost and related financing costs. These factors have resulted in current liabilities exceeding current assets by approximately \$398 million as of December 31, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013, \$150 million of CL&P's obligations classified as current liabilities relates to long-term debt that will be paid in the next 12 months. CL&P, with its strong credit ratings, has several options available in the financial markets to repay or refinance these maturities with the issuance of new long-term debt. CL&P will reduce its short-term borrowings with cash received from operating cash flows or with the issuance of new long-term debt, determined considering capital requirements and maintenance of CL&P's credit rating and profile. Management expects the future operating cash flows of CL&P, along with the access to financial markets, will be sufficient to meet any future operating requirements and capital investment forecasted opportunities.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY

The following table provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items for the consolidated statements of income for NSTAR Electric included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,493.5 | \$ 2,301.0 | \$ 192.5 | 8.4 % |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 849.1 | 788.3 | 60.8 | 7.7 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 376.4 | 431.8 | (55.4) | (12.8) |
| Depreciation | 180.3 | 171.1 | 9.2 | 5.4 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 230.1 | 117.7 | 112.4 | 95.5 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 15.1 | 90.3 | (75.2) | (83.3) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 206.5 | 201.2 | 5.3 | 2.6 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 127.8 | 119.2 | 8.6 | 7.2 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,985.3 | 1,919.6 | 65.7 | 3.4 |
| Operating Income | \$ 508.2 | \$ 381.4 | \$ 126.8 | 33.2 % |

Operating Revenues

NSTAR Electric's retail sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Retail Sales in GWh | 21,306 | 21,209 | 97 | 0.5 % |

NSTAR Electric's Operating Revenues increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to:

A \$160.1 million increase related to a higher level of collections of energy supply and company-sponsored energy efficiency programs. These revenues are fully reconciled to their respective costs. Therefore this increase in revenues had no material impact on earnings.

A \$24.7 million increase in transmission revenues reflecting recovery of higher regional transmission expenses and continuing transmission infrastructure investments, offset by the establishment of a reserve related to the FERC ALJ

initial decision in the third quarter of 2013.

A \$7.7 million increase in base distribution revenues reflecting a 0.5 percent increase in retail sales. The increase in sales volume was due primarily to a greater number of cooling degree days during the summer of 2013 and heating degree days in early and late 2013. This favorable impact was partially offset by reductions due to NSTAR Electric's customer funded energy efficiency programs.

Purchased Power and Transmission increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the following:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 Increase/(Decrease) Compared to 2012 | |
|------------------------------|--|-------|
| Transmission Costs | \$ | 37.7 |
| Basic Service Costs | | 20.2 |
| Purchased Power Contracts | | 9.5 |
| Deferred Fuel Costs | | (6.6) |
| | \$ | 60.8 |

The increase in transmission costs was due primarily to higher RNS costs. The increase in basic service costs was due primarily to higher average energy supply prices. The increase in purchased power contracts was due primarily to higher congestion charges. The decrease in deferred fuel costs was due primarily to higher average energy supply prices, as compared to the prices projected when basic service rates were set. Purchased Power and Transmission costs are included in regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms and do not impact earnings.

Operations and Maintenance decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the absence of several adjustments recorded in the first quarter of 2012, the majority of which were recognized for changes in accounting estimates (\$46.7 million), the absence of a bill credit to customers (\$15 million) as a result of the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement, and an overall reduction in other operating costs (\$2.1 million). These positive factors were partially offset by higher PAM-related amortizations (\$4.1 million) as well as timing of maintenance (\$4.3 million).

Depreciation increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in the recovery of previously deferred transition costs.

Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due to the maturity of the RRBs in March 2013.

Energy Efficiency Programs increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in energy efficiency costs in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU. All costs are fully recovered through DPU-approved tracking mechanisms and therefore do not impact earnings.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due to higher municipal property taxes as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment.

Interest Expense increased \$0.3 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to lower regulatory interest income primarily from deferred transition costs, partially offset by lower average long-term bond rates.

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 172.9 | \$ 124.0 | \$ 48.9 | 39.4% |

Income Tax Expense increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$44 million) and the absence in 2013 of the impact of costs recognized as a result of the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement (\$5.9 million), partially offset by various other impacts (\$1 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Ended December 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Income Before Merger-Related Costs | \$ 268.5 | \$ 201.1 |
| Merger-Related Costs (after-tax) ⁽¹⁾ | - | (10.9) |

| | | | | |
|------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Net Income | \$ | 268.5 | \$ | 190.2 |
|------------|----|-------|----|-------|

(1)

The 2012 after-tax merger-related costs consisted of a \$15 million pre-tax charge for customer bill credits related to the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement and a \$2.8 million pre-tax charge related to compensation costs.

Excluding the impact of merger-related costs, NSTAR Electric's earnings increased \$67.4 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to lower overall operations and maintenance costs and higher retail electric sales due primarily to colder weather in the first and fourth quarters in 2013. Partially offsetting these factors was higher depreciation and property tax expense.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

A summary of capital expenditures, including amounts incurred but not paid, cost of removal, AFUDC, and the capitalized portions of pension expense, is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| <i>Transmission</i> | \$ 220.8 | \$ 192.1 | \$ 162.5 |
| <i>Distribution:</i> | | | |
| Basic Business | 98.5 | 64.2 | 58.5 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 110.6 | 145.8 | 132.8 |
| Load Growth | 53.6 | 21.2 | 19.3 |
| <i>Total Distribution</i> | 262.7 | 231.2 | 210.6 |
| Total | \$ 483.5 | \$ 423.3 | \$ 373.1 |

LIQUIDITY

NSTAR Electric had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$466.9 million in 2013, compared with \$506.9 million in 2012 (amounts are net of RRB payments, which are included in financing activities). The decrease in operating cash flows was due primarily to a \$57 million increase in Pension Plan contributions in 2013, as compared to 2012, and a \$75.3 million increase in net tax payments. Partially offsetting the negative cash flow impacts was the absence in 2013 of \$15 million in bill credits provided to customers in the second quarter of 2012 in connection with the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement. In addition, operating cash flows benefitted from an increase in amortization on regulatory deferrals primarily attributable to tracking mechanisms where such revenues exceeded costs resulting in a favorable cash flow impact.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY

The following table provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items for the consolidated statements of income for PSNH included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 935.4 | \$ 988.0 | \$ (52.6) | (5.3)% |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 269.8 | 319.3 | (49.5) | (15.5) |
| Operations and Maintenance | 267.8 | 263.2 | 4.6 | 1.7 |
| Depreciation | 91.6 | 87.6 | 4.0 | 4.6 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net | (20.4) | (24.1) | 3.7 | 15.4 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 19.7 | 56.6 | (36.9) | (65.2) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 14.5 | 14.2 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 67.2 | 66.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 710.2 | 782.9 | (72.7) | (9.3) |
| Operating Income | \$ 225.2 | \$ 205.1 | \$ 20.1 | 9.8 % |

Operating Revenues

PSNH's retail sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Retail Sales in GWh | 7,938 | 7,821 | 117 | 1.5 % |

PSNH's Operating Revenues decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to:

A \$73.2 million decrease related to PSNH's cost recovery mechanisms. The primary reason for this decrease was the reduction of recoveries related to PSNH's RRBs, which were fully collected during the first half of 2013. This reduction had no impact on earnings.

Partially offset by:

A \$17.3 million increase in base distribution revenues reflecting a 1.5 percent increase in retail sales. PSNH experienced strong sales in early and late 2013 due to colder winter weather than what was experienced in 2012. Also reflected in this revenue increase was an increase of \$11.9 million related to NHPUC-approved distribution rate increases effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 as a result of the 2010 distribution rate case settlement.

A \$3.3 million increase in transmission revenues reflecting recovery of higher transmission expenses and continuing transmission infrastructure investments. The increase was mostly offset by the establishment of a reserve related to the FERC ALJ initial decision in the third quarter of 2013.

Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to a decrease in costs related to renewable energy and a decrease in fuel costs resulting from an increase in customer migration to third party suppliers, which resulted in a decrease in load obligation. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in transmission costs resulting from higher RNS costs. Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission costs are included in regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms and do not impact earnings.

Operations and Maintenance increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in routine maintenance and storm-related distribution overhead line costs (\$11.4 million) and an increase in routine generation maintenance costs (\$4.4 million). Partially offsetting these increases was the absence in 2013 of PBOP transition obligation amortization (\$2.5 million), lower distribution general and administrative costs (\$3 million), a decrease in RRB charges that are included in NHPUC-approved tracking mechanisms (\$2.9 million), and a decrease in routine transmission maintenance (\$1.4 million).

Depreciation increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net increased expenses in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in the ES and TCAM amortization (\$23.3 million and \$9.2 million, respectively), partially offset by a decrease in the SCRC amortization (\$27.9 million).

Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due to the maturity of the RRBs in May 2013.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment and an increase in the property tax rates.

Interest Expense decreased \$4.1 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to lower interest on RRBs (\$2.8 million) as a result of the maturity of the RRBs in May 2013, and a decrease in interest on long-term debt (\$1.9 million) due primarily to the redemption of the 2001 Series C PCRBs in May 2013.

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 71.1 | \$ 61.0 | \$ 10.1 | 16.6% |

Income Tax Expense increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$8.6 million) and various other impacts (\$1.5 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase |
| Net Income | \$ 111.4 | \$ 96.9 | \$ 14.5 |

PSNH's earnings increased due primarily to higher generation earnings and distribution retail revenues. The 2013 distribution retail revenues were favorably impacted by the PSNH rate increases effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 as a result of the 2010 distribution rate case settlement and a 1.5 percent increase in retail sales. PSNH experienced strong sales in early and late 2013 due to colder winter weather than what was experienced in 2012. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were higher depreciation and property tax expense.

LIQUIDITY

PSNH had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$158.8 million in 2013, compared with \$174.2 million in 2012 (amounts are net of RRB payments, which are included in financing activities). The decrease in cash flows was due primarily to an increase in NUSCO Pension Plan contributions of \$20.6 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, and an increase in coal and fuel inventories in 2013 creating a negative cash flow impact of \$34.6 million, as compared to a reduction in coal and fuel inventories in 2012 creating a positive cash flow impact of \$28.1 million. Partially offsetting these decreases were income tax refunds of \$30.1 million in 2013, compared to income tax payments of \$14.7 million in 2012, the absence of \$13.7 million of 2012 cash disbursements for storm costs associated with Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm and the favorable impacts related to the distribution rate increases effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 as a result of the 2010 distribution rate case settlement.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

The following table provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items for the statements of income for WMECO included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Operating Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | Percent |
|---|---|-------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase/ (Decrease) | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 472.7 | \$ 441.2 | \$ 31.5 | | 7.1 % |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 147.1 | 136.1 | 11.0 | | 8.1 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 96.2 | 97.0 | (0.8) | | (0.8) |
| Depreciation | 37.6 | 30.0 | 7.6 | | 25.3 |
| Amortization of Regulatory (Liabilities)/Assets, Net | (3.2) | 0.4 | (3.6) | | (a) |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 7.8 | 17.6 | (9.8) | | (55.7) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 39.5 | 27.8 | 11.7 | | 42.1 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 28.4 | 21.5 | 6.9 | | 32.1 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 353.4 | 330.4 | 23.0 | | 7.0 |
| Operating Income | \$ 119.3 | \$ 110.8 | \$ 8.5 | | 7.7 % |

(a) Percent greater than 100 percent not shown as it is not meaningful.

Operating Revenues

WMECO's retail sales were as follows:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Change | Percent |
| Retail Sales in GWh | 3,683 | 3,683 | - | - % |

WMECO's Operating Revenues increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to:

A \$21.3 million increase in transmission revenues reflecting recovery of higher transmission expenses and continuing transmission infrastructure investments, primarily related to the NEEWS project. The increase was partially offset by the establishment of a reserve related to the FERC ALJ initial decision in the third quarter of 2013.

Base distribution revenues are consistent with 2012, as they are decoupled from sales volumes.

The remaining increase primarily reflects a higher level of collections related to WMECO's energy supply and company-sponsored energy efficiency programs. These revenues are fully reconciled to the related costs. Therefore this increase in revenues had no material impact on earnings.

Purchased Power and Transmission increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in supplier contract prices. Purchased Power and Transmission costs are included in regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms and do not impact earnings.

Operations and Maintenance decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to the absence in 2013 of bill credits to customers (\$3 million) made in the second quarter of 2012 as a result of the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement and the absence in 2013 of the DPU storm penalty (\$2 million). In addition, there were lower general and administrative expenses (\$2.5 million). Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase in Pension and PBOP Plan costs (\$6.6 million), which is recovered through DPU-approved tracking mechanisms and has no earnings impact.

Depreciation increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

Amortization of Regulatory (Liabilities)/Assets, Net decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to a decrease in amortization of the transition charge deferral.

Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds decreased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due to the maturity of the RRBs in June 2013.

Energy Efficiency Programs increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in expenses attributable to an increase in spending in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU. All costs are fully recovered through DPU-approved tracking mechanisms and therefore do not impact earnings.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment and an increase in the property tax rates.

Interest Expense decreased \$1.8 million in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to lower interest on RRBs (\$1.1 million) as a result of the maturity of the RRBs in June 2013, and lower interest on short-term debt (\$0.9 million).

Income Tax Expense

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Increase | Percent |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 37.4 | \$ 32.1 | \$ 5.3 | 16.5% |

Income Tax Expense increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$2.9 million), the absence in 2013 of the impact of costs recognized as a result of the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement (\$1.2 million) and various other impacts (\$1.2 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | December 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Income Before Merger-Related Costs | \$ 60.4 | \$ 56.3 |
| Merger-Related Costs (after-tax) | - | (1.8) |
| Net Income | \$ 60.4 | \$ 54.5 |

Excluding the impact of merger-related costs, WMECO's earnings increased \$4.1 million, as compared to 2012, due primarily to higher transmission earnings as a result of an increased level of investment in transmission infrastructure, primarily related to the NEEWS project. Partially offsetting this favorable earnings impact was higher depreciation and property tax expense.

LIQUIDITY

WMECO had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$169.5 million in 2013, compared with \$77 million in 2012 (amounts are net of RRB payments, which are included in financing activities). The improved cash flows were due primarily to income tax refunds of \$69 million in 2013, compared with income tax refunds of \$8.4 million in 2012, the absence of \$16.7 million in 2012 cash disbursements for storm costs in 2012 and the absence of \$3 million in bill credits provided to customers in the second quarter of 2012 associated with the Massachusetts merger settlement agreement.

Item 7A.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market Risk Information

Commodity Price Risk Management: Our Regulated companies enter into energy contracts to serve our customers and the economic impacts of those contracts are passed on to our customers. Accordingly, the Regulated companies have no exposure to loss of future earnings or fair values due to these market risk-sensitive instruments. NU's Energy Supply Risk Committee, comprised of senior officers, reviews and approves all large scale energy related transactions entered into by its Regulated Companies.

The remaining unregulated wholesale marketing contracts expired on December 31, 2013 and therefore, there is no remaining market risk exposure related to these contracts.

Other Risk Management Activities

We have an Enterprise Risk Management methodology for identifying the principal risks of the Company. Our ERM program involves the application of a well-defined, enterprise-wide methodology designed to allow our Risk Committee, comprised of our senior officers and directors to the company, to oversee the identification, management and reporting of the principal risks of the business. Our management analyzes risks to determine materiality and other attributes such as likelihood and impact and mitigation strategies. Management broadly considers our business model, the utility industry, the global economy and the current environment to identify risks. The findings of this process are periodically discussed with the Finance Committee of our Board of Trustees. However, there can be no assurances that the Enterprise Risk Management process will identify or manage every risk or event that could impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Interest Rate Risk Management: As of December 31, 2013, approximately 91 percent of our long-term debt, including fees and interest due for spent nuclear fuel disposal costs, was at a fixed interest rate. The remaining long-term debt is at variable interest rates and is subject to interest rate risk that could result in earnings volatility.

Assuming a one percentage point increase in our variable interest rate, annual interest expense would have increased by a pre-tax amount of \$7.7 million.

Credit Risk Management: Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that we would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties pursuant to the terms of our contractual obligations. We serve a wide variety of customers and transact with suppliers that include IPPs, industrial companies, gas and electric utilities, oil and gas producers, financial institutions, and other energy marketers. Margin accounts exist within this diverse group, and we realize interest

receipts and payments related to balances outstanding in these margin accounts. This wide customer and supplier mix generates a need for a variety of contractual structures, products and terms that, in turn, require us to manage the portfolio of market risk inherent in those transactions in a manner consistent with the parameters established by our risk management process.

Our Regulated companies are subject to credit risk from certain long-term or high-volume supply contracts with energy marketing companies. Our Regulated companies manage the credit risk with these counterparties in accordance with established credit risk practices and monitor contracting risks, including credit risk. As of December 31, 2013, our Regulated companies held collateral from counterparties related to our standard service contracts. As of December 31, 2013, NU had cash posted with ISO-NE related to energy purchase transactions.

For further information on cash collateral deposited and posted with counterparties as well, see Note 1G, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- Restricted Cash and Other Deposits," and Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," to the consolidated financial statements.

If the respective unsecured debt ratings of NU or its subsidiaries were reduced to below investment grade by either Moody's or S&P, certain of NU's contracts would require additional collateral in the form of cash to be provided to counterparties and independent system operators. NU would have been and remains able to provide that collateral.

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Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Northeast Utilities

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Northeast Utilities and subsidiaries (NU or the Company) and of other sections of this annual report. NU's internal controls over financial reporting were audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, NU conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013.

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of Northeast Utilities:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Northeast Utilities and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, common shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15 of Part IV. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedules, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedules and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northeast Utilities and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework(1992)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

February 25, 2014

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 43,364 | \$ 45,748 |
| Receivables, Net | 765,391 | 792,822 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 224,982 | 216,040 |
| Fuel, Materials and Supplies | 303,233 | 267,713 |
| Regulatory Assets | 535,791 | 705,025 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 214,288 | 199,947 |
| Total Current Assets | 2,087,049 | 2,227,295 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 17,576,186 | 16,605,010 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 3,758,694 | 5,132,411 |
| Goodwill | 3,519,401 | 3,519,401 |
| Marketable Securities | 488,515 | 400,329 |
| Derivative Assets | 74,155 | 90,612 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 291,537 | 327,766 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 8,132,302 | 9,470,519 |
| Total Assets | \$ 27,795,537 | \$ 28,302,824 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ 1,093,000 | \$ 1,120,196 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | 533,346 | 763,338 |
| Accounts Payable | 742,251 | 764,350 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 204,278 | 134,115 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 702,776 | 861,691 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 3,275,651 | 3,643,690 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | 82,139 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 4,029,026 | 3,463,347 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 502,984 | 540,162 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 624,050 | 882,654 |
| Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP | 896,844 | 2,130,497 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 923,053 | 967,561 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 6,975,957 | 7,984,221 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 7,776,833 | 7,200,156 |
| Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries | 155,568 | 155,568 |
| Equity: | | |
| Common Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Common Shares | 1,665,351 | 1,662,547 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 6,192,765 | 6,183,267 |
| Retained Earnings | 2,125,980 | 1,802,714 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (46,031) | (72,854) |
| Treasury Stock | (326,537) | (338,624) |
| Common Shareholders' Equity | 9,611,528 | 9,237,050 |
| Total Capitalization | 17,543,929 | 16,592,774 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 27,795,537 | \$ 28,302,824 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 7,301,204 | \$ 6,273,787 | \$ 4,465,657 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 2,482,954 | 2,084,364 | 1,657,914 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 1,514,986 | 1,583,070 | 1,095,358 |
| Depreciation | 610,777 | 519,010 | 302,192 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 206,322 | 79,762 | 91,080 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 42,581 | 142,019 | 69,912 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 401,919 | 313,149 | 131,415 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 512,230 | 434,207 | 323,610 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 5,771,769 | 5,155,581 | 3,671,481 |
| Operating Income | 1,529,435 | 1,118,206 | 794,176 |
| Interest Expense: | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 340,970 | 316,987 | 231,630 |
| Interest on Rate Reduction Bonds | 422 | 6,168 | 8,611 |
| Other Interest | (2,693) | 6,790 | 10,184 |
| Interest Expense | 338,699 | 329,945 | 250,425 |
| Other Income, Net | 29,894 | 19,742 | 27,715 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 1,220,630 | 808,003 | 571,466 |
| Income Tax Expense | 426,941 | 274,926 | 170,953 |
| Net Income | 793,689 | 533,077 | 400,513 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 7,682 | 7,132 | 5,820 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 786,007 | \$ 525,945 | \$ 394,693 |
| Basic Earnings Per Common Share | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.90 | \$ 2.22 |
| Diluted Earnings Per Common Share | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.22 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | |
| Basic | 315,311,387 | 277,209,819 | 177,410,167 |
| Diluted | 316,211,160 | 277,993,631 | 177,804,568 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net Income | \$ 793,689 | \$ 533,077 | \$ 400,513 |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax: | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 2,049 | 1,971 | (14,177) |
| Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities | (940) | 217 | 506 |
| Change in Funded Status of Pension, SERP and PBOP | | | |
| Benefit Plans | 25,714 | (4,356) | (13,645) |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax | 26,823 | (2,168) | (27,316) |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (7,682) | (7,132) | (5,820) |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 812,830 | \$ 523,777 | \$ 367,377 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information) | Common Shares | | Capital | Retained | Accumulated | Treasury | Total |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Surplus, Paid In | Earnings | Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) | Stock | Common Shareholders' Equity |
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | 176,448,081 | \$ 978,909 | \$ 1,777,592 | \$ 1,452,777 | \$ (43,370) | \$ (354,732) | \$ 3,811,176 |
| Net Income | | | | 400,513 | | | 400,513 |
| Dividends on Common Shares - \$1.10 Per Share | | | | (195,595) | | | (195,595) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (5,559) | | | (5,559) |
| Issuance of Common Shares, \$5 Par Value | 271,030 | 1,355 | 4,496 | | | | 5,851 |
| Long-Term Incentive Plan Activity | | | 7,359 | | | | 7,359 |
| Issuance of Treasury Shares to Fund ESOP | 439,581 | | 7,048 | | | 8,065 | 15,113 |
| Other Changes in Shareholders' Equity | | | 1,389 | | | | 1,389 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | | | | (261) | | | (261) |
| Other Comprehensive Loss | | | | | (27,316) | | (27,316) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 177,158,692 | 980,264 | 1,797,884 | 1,651,875 | (70,686) | (346,667) | 4,012,670 |
| Net Income | | | | 533,077 | | | 533,077 |
| Shares Issued in Connection with NSTAR Merger | 136,048,595 | 680,243 | 4,358,027 | | | | 5,038,270 |
| Other Equity Impacts of Merger with NSTAR | | | 2,938 | 421 | | | 3,359 |
| Dividends on Common Shares - \$1.32 Per Share | | | | (375,527) | | | (375,527) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (7,029) | | | (7,029) |
| Issuance of Common Shares, \$5 Par Value | 408,018 | 2,040 | 11,287 | | | | 13,327 |
| Long-Term Incentive Plan Activity | | | (3,897) | | | | (3,897) |
| Issuance of Treasury Shares to Fund ESOP | 438,329 | | 8,454 | | | 8,043 | 16,497 |

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|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other Changes in Shareholders' Equity | | | 8,574 | | | | 8,574 |
| Net Income | | | | | | | |
| Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | | | (103) | | | | (103) |
| Other Comprehensive Loss | | | | | (2,168) | | (2,168) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 314,053,634 | 1,662,547 | 6,183,267 | 1,802,714 | (72,854) | (338,624) | 9,237,050 |
| Net Income | | | | 793,689 | | | 793,689 |
| Dividends on Common Shares - \$1.47 Per Share | | | | (462,741) | | | (462,741) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (7,682) | | | (7,682) |
| Issuance of Common Shares, \$5 Par Value | 560,848 | 2,804 | 8,274 | | | | 11,078 |
| Long-Term Incentive Plan Activity | | | (10,748) | | | | (10,748) |
| Issuance of Treasury Shares | 659,077 | | 17,381 | | | 12,087 | 29,468 |
| Other Changes in Shareholders' Equity | | | (5,409) | | | | (5,409) |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 26,823 | | 26,823 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | 315,273,559 | \$ 1,665,351 | \$ 6,192,765 | \$ 2,125,980 | \$ (46,031) | \$ (326,537) | \$ 9,611,528 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 793,689 | \$ 533,077 | \$ 400,513 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows | | | |
| Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 610,777 | 519,010 | 302,192 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 431,413 | 292,000 | 196,761 |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense | 195,698 | 218,540 | 133,000 |
| Pension and PBOP Contributions | (342,184) | (295,028) | (191,101) |
| Regulatory Underrecoveries, Net | (24,276) | (259,853) | (70,863) |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 206,322 | 79,762 | 91,080 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 42,581 | 142,019 | 69,912 |
| Other | 56,071 | 42,852 | (48,772) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (163,549) | (20,214) | 17,570 |
| Fuel, Materials and Supplies | (14,811) | 34,321 | (11,033) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | (50,950) | (5,450) | 49,642 |
| Accounts Payable | (54,619) | (128,339) | 18,916 |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (22,623) | 8,532 | 12,569 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 1,663,539 | 1,161,229 | 970,386 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (1,456,787) | (1,472,272) | (1,076,730) |
| Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities | 627,532 | 317,294 | 149,441 |
| Purchases of Marketable Securities | (679,784) | (348,629) | (151,972) |
| Other Investing Activities | 67,816 | 35,683 | 60,674 |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (1,441,223) | (1,467,924) | (1,018,587) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Shares | (462,741) | (375,047) | (194,555) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (7,682) | (7,029) | (5,559) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Short-Term Debt | (397,000) | 825,000 | 50,000 |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 1,680,000 | 850,000 | 627,500 |
| Retirements of Long-Term Debt | (929,885) | (839,136) | (369,586) |
| Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds | (82,139) | (114,433) | (69,312) |
| Other Financing Activities | (25,253) | 6,529 | (7,123) |
| | (224,700) | 345,884 | 31,365 |

Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing
Activities

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------|----|--------|----|----------|
| Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (2,384) | | 39,189 | | (16,836) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year | 45,748 | | 6,559 | | 23,395 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year | \$ 43,364 | \$ | 45,748 | \$ | 6,559 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying financial statements of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P or the Company) and of other sections of this annual report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, CL&P conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013.

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of The Connecticut Light and Power Company:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of income, comprehensive income, common stockholder's equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 of Part IV. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Connecticut Light and Power Company as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

February 25, 2014

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 7,237 | \$ 1 |
| Receivables, Net | 319,670 | 284,787 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 13,777 | 6,641 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 92,401 | 85,353 |
| Regulatory Assets | 150,943 | 185,858 |
| Materials and Supplies | 54,606 | 64,603 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 53,082 | 26,413 |
| Total Current Assets | 691,716 | 653,656 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 6,451,259 | 6,152,959 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 1,663,147 | 2,158,363 |
| Derivative Assets | 71,384 | 90,612 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 102,996 | 86,498 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 1,837,527 | 2,335,473 |
| Total Assets | \$ 8,980,502 | \$ 9,142,088 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable to Affiliated Companies | \$ 287,300 | \$ 99,296 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | 150,000 | 125,000 |
| Accounts Payable | 201,047 | 262,857 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 56,531 | 52,326 |
| Obligations to Third Party Suppliers | 73,914 | 67,344 |
| Accrued Taxes | 37,186 | 60,109 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 93,961 | 32,119 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 92,233 | 96,931 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 97,530 | 125,662 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,089,702 | 921,644 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 1,510,586 | 1,336,105 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 93,757 | 124,319 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 617,072 | 865,571 |
| Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP | 95,895 | 304,696 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 163,588 | 197,434 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 2,480,898 | 2,828,125 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 2,591,208 | 2,737,790 |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 116,200 | 116,200 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | 60,352 | 60,352 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 1,682,047 | 1,640,149 |
| Retained Earnings | 961,482 | 839,628 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (1,387) | (1,800) |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 2,702,494 | 2,538,329 |
| Total Capitalization | 5,409,902 | 5,392,319 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 8,980,502 | \$ 9,142,088 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,442,341 | \$ 2,407,449 | \$ 2,548,387 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 872,769 | 858,231 | 982,514 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 523,247 | 635,733 | 580,736 |
| Depreciation | 177,603 | 166,853 | 157,747 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 4,870 | 14,372 | 61,025 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 89,858 | 89,299 | 90,297 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 234,418 | 215,972 | 212,885 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,902,765 | 1,980,460 | 2,085,204 |
| Operating Income | 539,576 | 426,989 | 463,183 |
| Interest Expense: | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 130,620 | 124,894 | 131,918 |
| Other Interest | 3,030 | 8,233 | 809 |
| Interest Expense | 133,650 | 133,127 | 132,727 |
| Other Income, Net | 15,149 | 10,300 | 9,741 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 421,075 | 304,162 | 340,197 |
| Income Tax Expense | 141,663 | 94,437 | 90,033 |
| Net Income | \$ 279,412 | \$ 209,725 | \$ 250,164 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Income | \$ 279,412 | \$ 209,725 | \$ 250,164 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax: | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 444 | 444 | 445 |
| Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other | | | |
| Securities | (31) | 7 | 17 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax | 413 | 451 | 462 |
| Comprehensive Income | \$ 279,825 | \$ 210,176 | \$ 250,626 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Stock Information) | Common Stock | | Capital Surplus, | Retained | Accumulated Other Comprehensive | Total Common |
|--|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Stock | Amount | Paid In | Earnings | Income/(Loss) | Stockholder's Equity |
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | 6,035,205 | \$ 60,352 | \$ 1,605,275 | \$ 734,561 | \$ (2,713) | \$ 2,397,475 |
| Net Income | | | | 250,164 | | 250,164 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (5,559) | | (5,559) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (243,218) | | (243,218) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 1,429 | | | 1,429 |
| Capital Stock Expenses, Net | | | 51 | | | 51 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 6,748 | | | 6,748 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 462 | 462 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 6,035,205 | 60,352 | 1,613,503 | 735,948 | (2,251) | 2,407,552 |
| Net Income | | | | 209,725 | | 209,725 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (5,559) | | (5,559) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (100,486) | | (100,486) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 1,595 | | | 1,595 |
| Capital Stock Expenses, Net | | | 51 | | | 51 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 25,000 | | | 25,000 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 451 | 451 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 6,035,205 | 60,352 | 1,640,149 | 839,628 | (1,800) | 2,538,329 |
| Net Income | | | | 279,412 | | 279,412 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (5,559) | | (5,559) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (151,999) | | (151,999) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 1,847 | | | 1,847 |
| Capital Stock Expenses, Net | | | 51 | | | 51 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 40,000 | | | 40,000 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 413 | 413 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | 6,035,205 | \$ 60,352 | \$ 1,682,047 | \$ 961,482 | \$ (1,387) | \$ 2,702,494 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 279,412 | \$ 209,725 | \$ 250,164 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows | | | |
| Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 177,603 | 166,853 | 157,747 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 130,038 | 140,993 | 112,620 |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense, Net of PBOP Contributions | 24,416 | 24,062 | 10,664 |
| Regulatory Over/(Under) Recoveries, Net | 28,298 | (100,505) | (82,502) |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 4,870 | 14,372 | 61,025 |
| Other | (3,478) | (28,952) | (33,713) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (56,593) | (7,741) | 14,610 |
| Materials and Supplies | 9,997 | (4,573) | (2,206) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | (41,594) | 15,702 | 2,719 |
| Accounts Payable | (66,225) | (190,240) | 8,864 |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | 8,513 | (27,803) | 13,291 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 495,257 | 211,893 | 513,283 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (434,934) | (449,137) | (424,865) |
| Proceeds from Sale of Assets | - | - | 46,841 |
| Other Investing Activities | 2,650 | 32,009 | 16,001 |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (432,284) | (417,128) | (362,023) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (151,999) | (100,486) | (243,218) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (5,559) | (5,559) | (5,559) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Short-Term Debt | (89,000) | 58,000 | 31,000 |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Notes Payable to Affiliate | (117,800) | 346,575 | 52,300 |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 400,000 | - | 245,500 |
| Retirements of Long-Term Debt | (125,000) | (116,400) | (245,500) |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | 40,000 | 25,000 | 6,748 |
| Other Financing Activities | (6,379) | (1,895) | (2,292) |
| Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing Activities | (55,737) | 205,235 | (161,021) |

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| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|---------|
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash | 7,236 | - | (9,761) |
| Cash - Beginning of Year | 1 | 1 | 9,762 |
| Cash - End of Year | \$ 7,237 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

NSTAR Electric Company

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements of NSTAR Electric Company and subsidiary (NSTAR Electric or the Company) and of other sections of this annual report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, NSTAR Electric conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013.

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of NSTAR Electric Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of NSTAR Electric Company and subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related consolidated statements of income, common stockholder's equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 of Part IV. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits. The consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2011 were audited by other auditors whose report, dated February 7, 2012, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements and included an explanatory paragraph relating to the merger agreement signed with Northeast Utilities.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NSTAR Electric Company and subsidiary as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such 2013 and 2012 financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Directors and Shareholder of NSTAR Electric Company:

In our opinion, the consolidated statements of income, common stockholder's equity, and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of NSTAR Electric Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2011 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule for the year ended December 31, 2011 listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

February 7, 2012

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 8,021 | \$ 13,695 |
| Receivables, Net | 209,711 | 202,025 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 27,264 | 160,176 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 41,368 | 41,377 |
| Materials and Supplies | 44,236 | 26,754 |
| Regulatory Assets | 204,144 | 347,081 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 36,710 | 1,332 |
| Total Current Assets | 571,454 | 792,440 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 5,043,887 | 4,735,297 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 1,235,156 | 1,444,870 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 60,624 | 87,382 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 1,295,780 | 1,532,252 |
| Total Assets | \$ 6,911,121 | \$ 7,059,989 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ 103,500 | \$ 276,000 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | 301,650 | 1,650 |
| Accounts Payable | 207,559 | 168,611 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 75,707 | 247,061 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 50,128 | 104,668 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 53,958 | 47,539 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 118,410 | 144,433 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 910,912 | 989,962 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | 43,493 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 1,466,835 | 1,321,026 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 253,108 | 244,224 |
| Accrued Pension | 118,010 | 360,932 |
| Payable to Affiliated Companies | 64,172 | 70,221 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 142,214 | 183,190 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 2,044,339 | 2,179,593 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 1,499,417 | 1,600,911 |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 43,000 | 43,000 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | - | - |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 992,625 | 992,625 |
| Retained Earnings | 1,420,828 | 1,210,405 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 2,413,453 | 2,203,030 |
| Total Capitalization | 3,955,870 | 3,846,941 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 6,911,121 | \$ 7,059,989 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 2,493,479 | \$ 2,300,997 | \$ 2,403,053 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 849,149 | 788,252 | 905,226 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 376,360 | 431,802 | 387,533 |
| Depreciation | 180,298 | 171,070 | 163,368 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 230,148 | 117,682 | 82,979 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 15,054 | 90,322 | 90,322 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 206,536 | 201,234 | 175,747 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 127,778 | 119,219 | 111,705 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,985,323 | 1,919,581 | 1,916,880 |
| Operating Income | 508,156 | 381,416 | 486,173 |
| Interest Expense: | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 79,088 | 87,100 | 90,040 |
| Interest on Rate Reduction Bonds | 399 | 3,585 | 7,226 |
| Other Interest | (9,104) | (20,631) | (27,839) |
| Interest Expense | 70,383 | 70,054 | 69,427 |
| Other Income, Net | 3,639 | 2,846 | 1,434 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 441,412 | 314,208 | 418,180 |
| Income Tax Expense | 172,866 | 123,966 | 165,686 |
| Net Income | \$ 268,546 | \$ 190,242 | \$ 252,494 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Stock Information) | Common Stock Stock | Common Stock Amount | Capital Surplus, Paid In | Retained Earnings | Total Common Stockholder's Equity |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | 100 | \$ - | \$ 992,625 | \$ 1,158,489 | \$ 2,151,114 |
| Net Income | | | | 252,494 | 252,494 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (1,960) | (1,960) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (169,900) | (169,900) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 100 | - | 992,625 | 1,239,123 | 2,231,748 |
| Net Income | | | | 190,242 | 190,242 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (1,960) | (1,960) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (217,000) | (217,000) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 100 | - | 992,625 | 1,210,405 | 2,203,030 |
| Net Income | | | | 268,546 | 268,546 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | (2,123) | (2,123) |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (56,000) | (56,000) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | 100 | \$ - | \$ 992,625 | \$ 1,420,828 | \$ 2,413,453 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 268,546 | \$ 190,242 | \$ 252,494 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows | | | |
| Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 180,298 | 171,070 | 163,368 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 48,808 | 4,264 | 72,006 |
| Pension Expense | 35,731 | 66,010 | 54,704 |
| Pension Contributions | (82,000) | (25,000) | (125,000) |
| Regulatory (Under)/Over Recoveries, Net | (119,433) | (16,129) | 68,353 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 230,148 | 117,682 | 82,979 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 15,054 | 90,322 | 90,322 |
| Bad Debt Expense | 28,108 | 40,301 | 22,582 |
| Other | 4,428 | (32,048) | 539 |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (45,405) | (10,496) | (26,041) |
| Materials and Supplies | 3,227 | 1,813 | (12,968) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | (38,003) | 29,899 | 149,889 |
| Accounts Payable | 31,875 | 2,662 | (53,939) |
| Accounts Receivable from/Payable to Affiliates, Net | (44,491) | (61,879) | (7,232) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (6,468) | 22,568 | 14,272 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 510,423 | 591,281 | 746,328 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (476,600) | (414,089) | (390,427) |
| Decrease/(Increase) in Special Deposits | 37,604 | 3,060 | (2,732) |
| Other Investing Activities | 400 | 400 | 6,095 |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (438,596) | (410,629) | (387,064) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (56,000) | (217,000) | (169,900) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (2,123) | (1,960) | (1,960) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Short-Term Debt | (172,500) | 134,500 | (86,000) |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 200,000 | 400,000 | - |
| Retirements of Long-Term Debt | (1,650) | (401,650) | (16,650) |

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| | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds | (43,493) | (84,367) | (84,346) |
| Other Financing Activities | (1,735) | (5,853) | - |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities | (77,501) | (176,330) | (358,856) |
| Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (5,674) | 4,322 | 408 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year | 13,695 | 9,373 | 8,965 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year | \$ 8,021 | \$ 13,695 | \$ 9,373 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Public Service Company of New Hampshire and subsidiary (PSNH or the Company) and of other sections of this annual report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, PSNH conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013.

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of Public Service Company of New Hampshire:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Public Service Company of New Hampshire and subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, common stockholder's equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 of Part IV. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Public Service Company of New Hampshire and subsidiary as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

February 25, 2014

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND
SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 130 | \$ 2,493 |
| Receivables, Net | 76,331 | 87,164 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 90 | 723 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 38,344 | 39,982 |
| Taxes Receivable | 2,180 | 17,177 |
| Fuel, Materials and Supplies | 128,736 | 95,345 |
| Regulatory Assets | 92,194 | 62,882 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 21,920 | 22,205 |
| Total Current Assets | 359,925 | 327,971 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 2,467,556 | 2,352,515 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 219,346 | 351,059 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 39,891 | 83,052 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 259,237 | 434,111 |
| Total Assets | \$ 3,086,718 | \$ 3,114,597 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable to Affiliated Companies | \$ 86,500 | \$ 63,300 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | 50,000 | - |
| Accounts Payable | 82,920 | 62,864 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 22,040 | 21,337 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 20,643 | 23,002 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 28,596 | 10,364 |
| Renewable Portfolio Standards Compliance Obligations | 8,918 | 17,383 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 42,811 | 40,586 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 342,428 | 238,836 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | 29,294 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 500,166 | 441,577 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 51,723 | 52,418 |
| Accrued Pension | - | 186,148 |
| Accrued SERP and PBOP | 15,272 | 33,981 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 46,247 | 47,896 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 613,408 | 762,020 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 999,006 | 997,932 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | - | - |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 701,911 | 701,052 |
| Retained Earnings | 438,515 | 395,118 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (8,550) | (9,655) |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 1,131,876 | 1,086,515 |
| Total Capitalization | 2,130,882 | 2,084,447 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 3,086,718 | \$ 3,114,597 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 935,402 | \$ 988,013 | \$ 1,013,003 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 269,754 | 319,253 | 327,905 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 267,797 | 263,234 | 278,153 |
| Depreciation | 91,581 | 87,602 | 76,167 |
| Amortization of Regulatory | | | |
| Assets/(Liabilities), Net | (20,387) | (24,086) | 25,383 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 19,748 | 56,645 | 53,389 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 14,494 | 14,245 | 12,917 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 67,196 | 66,025 | 58,985 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 710,183 | 782,918 | 832,899 |
| Operating Income | 225,219 | 205,095 | 180,104 |
| Interest Expense: | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 44,370 | 46,228 | 36,832 |
| Interest on Rate Reduction Bonds | (154) | 2,687 | 6,276 |
| Other Interest | 1,960 | 1,313 | 1,039 |
| Interest Expense | 46,176 | 50,228 | 44,147 |
| Other Income, Net | 3,455 | 3,008 | 14,255 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 182,498 | 157,875 | 150,212 |
| Income Tax Expense | 71,101 | 60,993 | 49,945 |
| Net Income | \$ 111,397 | \$ 96,882 | \$ 100,267 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|
| Net Income | \$ 111,397 | \$ 96,882 | \$ 100,267 |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax: | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 1,162 | 1,162 | (10,260) |
| Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on | | | |
| Other Securities | (54) | 13 | 29 |
| Changes in Funded Status of Pension, SERP | | | |
| and PBOP | | | |
| Benefit Plans | (3) | 2 | - |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax | 1,105 | 1,177 | (10,231) |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|---------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Comprehensive Income | \$ | 112,502 | \$ | 98,059 | \$ | 90,036 |
|----------------------|----|---------|----|--------|----|--------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Stock Information) | Common Stock | | Capital | Retained | Accumulated | Total |
|--|--------------|--------|---------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | Stock | Amount | Surplus, Paid In | Earnings | Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) | Common Stockholder's Equity |
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | 301 | \$ - | \$ 579,577 | \$ 347,471 | \$ (601) | \$ 926,447 |
| Net Income | | | | 100,267 | | 100,267 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (58,828) | | (58,828) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 678 | | | 678 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 120,030 | | | 120,030 |
| Other Comprehensive Loss | | | | | (10,231) | (10,231) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 301 | - | 700,285 | 388,910 | (10,832) | 1,078,363 |
| Net Income | | | | 96,882 | | 96,882 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (90,674) | | (90,674) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 767 | | | 767 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 1,177 | 1,177 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 301 | - | 701,052 | 395,118 | (9,655) | 1,086,515 |
| Net Income | | | | 111,397 | | 111,397 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (68,000) | | (68,000) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 859 | | | 859 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 1,105 | 1,105 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | 301 | \$ - | \$ 701,911 | \$ 438,515 | \$ (8,550) | \$ 1,131,876 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 111,397 | \$ 96,882 | \$ 100,267 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows | | | |
| Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 91,581 | 87,602 | 76,167 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 75,693 | 58,552 | 75,628 |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense | 26,846 | 26,312 | 27,298 |
| Pension and PBOP Contributions | (112,964) | (96,880) | (121,178) |
| Regulatory (Under)/Over Recoveries, Net | (8,481) | (183) | 6,079 |
| Amortization of Regulatory (Liabilities)/Assets, Net | (20,387) | (24,086) | 25,383 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 19,748 | 56,645 | 53,389 |
| Settlements of Cash Flow Hedge Instruments | - | - | (18,072) |
| Other | 16,079 | 11,205 | (13,923) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | 2,412 | (84) | 7,833 |
| Fuel, Materials and Supplies | (33,391) | 25,897 | (9,873) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 26,462 | (9,752) | 5,139 |
| Accounts Payable | 2,632 | (15,248) | (4,517) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (9,520) | 13,436 | (4,915) |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 188,107 | 230,298 | 204,705 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (186,009) | (203,902) | (241,772) |
| Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable from Affiliate | - | 55,900 | (55,900) |
| Decrease in Special Deposits | 22,040 | 4,200 | 2,223 |
| Other Investing Activities | (88) | (135) | (134) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (164,057) | (143,937) | (295,583) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (68,000) | (90,674) | (58,828) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Short-Term Debt | 23,200 | - | (30,000) |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 250,000 | - | 282,000 |
| Retirements of Long-Term Debt | (198,235) | - | (119,800) |

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| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds | (29,294) | (56,074) | (52,879) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable to Affiliate | - | 63,300 | (47,900) |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | - | - | 120,030 |
| Other Financing Activities | (4,084) | (476) | (4,248) |
| Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing Activities | (26,413) | (83,924) | 88,375 |
| Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash | (2,363) | 2,437 | (2,503) |
| Cash - Beginning of Year | 2,493 | 56 | 2,559 |
| Cash - End of Year | \$ 130 | \$ 2,493 | \$ 56 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Company Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying financial statements of Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO or the Company) and of other sections of this annual report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, WMECO conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2013.

February 25, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of Western Massachusetts Electric Company:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Western Massachusetts Electric Company (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related statements of income, comprehensive income, common stockholder's equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 of Part IV. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Western Massachusetts Electric Company as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

February 25, 2014

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ - | \$ 1 |
| Receivables, Net | 49,018 | 47,297 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 47,607 | 164 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 16,562 | 16,192 |
| Taxes Receivable | 432 | 15,513 |
| Regulatory Assets | 43,024 | 42,370 |
| Marketable Securities | 26,628 | 27,352 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 10,479 | 7,963 |
| Total Current Assets | 193,750 | 156,852 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 1,381,060 | 1,290,498 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 146,088 | 221,752 |
| Marketable Securities | 31,243 | 30,342 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 40,679 | 23,625 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 218,010 | 275,719 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,792,820 | \$ 1,723,069 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable to Affiliated Companies | \$ - | \$ 31,900 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | - | 55,000 |
| Accounts Payable | 62,961 | 68,141 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 9,230 | 7,103 |
| Accrued Interest | 7,525 | 8,304 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 19,858 | 21,037 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 13,098 | 8,404 |
| Counterparty Deposits | 7,688 | 751 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 20,629 | 15,754 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 140,989 | 216,394 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | 9,352 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 396,933 | 303,111 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 13,873 | 9,686 |
| Accrued Pension | - | 24,215 |
| Accrued SERP and PBOP | 3,911 | 11,884 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 28,619 | 40,148 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 443,336 | 389,044 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 629,389 | 550,270 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | 10,866 | 10,866 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 390,743 | 390,412 |
| Retained Earnings | 181,014 | 160,577 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (3,517) | (3,846) |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 579,106 | 558,009 |
| Total Capitalization | 1,208,495 | 1,108,279 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 1,792,820 | \$ 1,723,069 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 472,724 | \$ 441,164 | \$ 417,315 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 147,059 | 136,086 | 161,480 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 96,194 | 97,031 | 80,241 |
| Depreciation | 37,568 | 29,971 | 26,455 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net | (3,206) | 410 | 4,492 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 7,780 | 17,632 | 16,523 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 39,524 | 27,802 | 21,804 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 28,458 | 21,458 | 17,957 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 353,377 | 330,390 | 328,952 |
| Operating Income | 119,347 | 110,774 | 88,363 |
| Interest Expense: | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 23,625 | 23,462 | 20,023 |
| Interest on Rate Reduction Bonds | 177 | 1,229 | 2,335 |
| Other Interest | 1,049 | 1,943 | 1,254 |
| Interest Expense | 24,851 | 26,634 | 23,612 |
| Other Income, Net | 3,310 | 2,503 | 1,489 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 97,806 | 86,643 | 66,240 |
| Income Tax Expense | 37,368 | 32,140 | 23,186 |
| Net Income | \$ 60,438 | \$ 54,503 | \$ 43,054 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net Income | \$ 60,438 | \$ 54,503 | \$ 43,054 |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax: | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 338 | 338 | (4,108) |
| Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities | (9) | 2 | 5 |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax | 329 | 340 | (4,103) |
| Comprehensive Income | \$ 60,767 | \$ 54,843 | \$ 38,951 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Stock Information) | Common Stock | | Capital Surplus, | Retained | Accumulated Other Comprehensive | Total Common |
|--|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Stock | Amount | Paid In | Earnings | Income/(Loss) | Stockholder's Equity |
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | 434,653 | \$ 10,866 | \$ 248,044 | \$ 98,757 | \$ (83) | \$ 357,584 |
| Net Income | | | | 43,054 | | 43,054 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (26,305) | | (26,305) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 259 | | | 259 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 91,812 | | | 91,812 |
| Other Comprehensive Loss | | | | | (4,103) | (4,103) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 434,653 | 10,866 | 340,115 | 115,506 | (4,186) | 462,301 |
| Net Income | | | | 54,503 | | 54,503 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (9,432) | | (9,432) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 297 | | | 297 |
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | | | 50,000 | | | 50,000 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 340 | 340 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 434,653 | 10,866 | 390,412 | 160,577 | (3,846) | 558,009 |
| Net Income | | | | 60,438 | | 60,438 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | | | (40,001) | | (40,001) |
| Allocation of Benefits - ESOP | | | 331 | | | 331 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | | 329 | 329 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | 434,653 | \$ 10,866 | \$ 390,743 | \$ 181,014 | \$ (3,517) | \$ 579,106 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 60,438 | \$ 54,503 | \$ 43,054 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows | | | |
| Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 37,568 | 29,971 | 26,455 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 87,028 | 53,942 | 23,056 |
| Regulatory Over/(Under) Recoveries, Net | 8,458 | (19,152) | 3,328 |
| Amortization of Regulatory (Liabilities)/Assets, Net | (3,206) | 410 | 4,492 |
| Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds | 7,780 | 17,632 | 16,523 |
| Settlement of Cash Flow Hedge Instrument | - | - | (6,859) |
| Other | 3,381 | (3,954) | (586) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (53,292) | (8,896) | (7,263) |
| Materials and Supplies | 865 | (2,882) | 331 |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 19,840 | (8,311) | 5,084 |
| Accounts Payable | 7,456 | (19,297) | 12,956 |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | 2,491 | 581 | 3,824 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 178,807 | 94,547 | 124,395 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (128,786) | (264,175) | (237,996) |
| Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities | 70,778 | 79,769 | 125,157 |
| Purchases of Marketable Securities | (71,390) | (80,529) | (125,453) |
| Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable from Affiliate | - | 11,000 | (11,000) |
| Other Investing Activities | 7,401 | (28) | (1,919) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (121,997) | (253,963) | (251,211) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (40,001) | (9,432) | (26,305) |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 80,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 |
| Retirements of Long-Term Debt | (55,000) | (53,800) | - |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Notes Payable to Affiliate | (31,900) | 31,900 | (20,400) |
| Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds | (9,352) | (17,540) | (16,433) |

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| | | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------|
| Capital Contributions from NU Parent | - | 50,000 | 91,812 |
| Other Financing Activities | (558) | 8,288 | (1,858) |
| Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing Activities | (56,811) | 159,416 | 126,816 |
| Net Decrease in Cash | (1) | - | - |
| Cash - Beginning of Year | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cash - End of Year | \$ - | \$ 1 | \$ 1 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

COMBINED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Refer to the Glossary of Terms included in this combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for abbreviations and acronyms used throughout the combined notes to the financial statements.

1.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A.

About NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO

NU Consolidated: NU is a public utility holding company primarily engaged through its wholly owned regulated utility subsidiaries in the energy delivery business. On April 10, 2012, NU acquired NSTAR and its subsidiaries.

NU's wholly owned regulated utility subsidiaries consist of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas. NU provides energy delivery service to approximately 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers through these six regulated utilities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. See Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," for further information regarding the merger.

NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are reporting companies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. NU is a public utility holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005. Arrangements among the regulated electric companies and other NU companies, outside agencies and other utilities covering interconnections, interchange of electric power and sales of utility property are subject to regulation by the FERC.

The Regulated companies are subject to regulation of rates, accounting and other matters by the FERC and/or applicable state regulatory commissions (the PURA for CL&P and Yankee Gas, the DPU for NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NSTAR Gas, and the NHPUC for PSNH).

Regulated Companies: CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO furnish franchised retail electric service in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. NSTAR Gas is engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to customers within central and eastern Massachusetts. Yankee Gas owns and operates Connecticut's largest natural gas distribution system. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO's results include the operations of their respective distribution and transmission businesses. PSNH and WMECO's distribution results include the operations of their respective generation businesses. NU also has a regulated subsidiary, NPT, which was formed to construct, own and operate the Northern Pass line, a new HVDC transmission line from Québec to New Hampshire that will interconnect with a new HVDC transmission line being developed by a transmission subsidiary of HQ.

Other: NUSCO, RRR, Renewable Properties, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of NUTV, and Properties, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of PSNH, provide support services to NU, including its regulated companies. Harbor Electric Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NSTAR Electric, provides distribution service and ongoing support to its only customer, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Hopkinton, a subsidiary of NU, provides natural gas liquefaction and storage services to NSTAR Gas. As of December 31, 2013, NU Enterprises' primary business consisted of NGS' operation and maintenance agreements, E.S. Boulos Company, an electrical contractor based in Maine, and NSTAR Communications, Inc., an unregulated telecommunications subsidiary.

B.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of NU, NSTAR Electric and PSNH include the accounts of each of their respective subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying consolidated financial statements of NU, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the financial statements of CL&P and WMECO are herein collectively referred to as the "financial statements."

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NU's consolidated financial information includes NSTAR and its subsidiaries' results of operations beginning April 10, 2012. The information disclosed for NSTAR Electric represents its results of operations for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 presented on a comparable basis. NU did not apply "push-down accounting" to NSTAR Electric, whereby the adjustments of assets and liabilities to fair value and the resultant goodwill would be shown on the financial statements of the acquired subsidiary.

NU consolidates CYAPC and YAEC as CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's combined ownership interest in each of these entities is greater than 50 percent. Intercompany transactions between CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and the CYAPC and YAEC companies have been eliminated in consolidation of the NU financial statements. For CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, the investments in CYAPC and YAEC

continue to be accounted for under the equity method. See Note 1J, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Equity Method Investments," for further information.

NU's utility subsidiaries are subject to the application of accounting guidance for entities with rate-regulated operations that considers the effect of regulation resulting from differences in the timing of the recognition of certain revenues and expenses from those of other businesses and industries. NU's utility subsidiaries' energy delivery business is subject to rate-regulation that is based on cost recovery and meets the criteria for application of rate-regulated accounting. See Note 3, "Regulatory Accounting," for further information.

Certain reclassifications of prior year data were made in the accompanying balance sheets for NU, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and the statements of cash flows for all companies presented. These reclassifications were made to conform to the current year presentation.

In accordance with accounting guidance on noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements, the Preferred Stock of CL&P and the Preferred Stock of NSTAR Electric, which are not owned by NU or its consolidated subsidiaries and are not subject to mandatory redemption, have been presented as noncontrolling interests in the financial statements of NU. The Preferred Stock of CL&P and the Preferred Stock of NSTAR Electric are considered to be temporary equity and have been classified between liabilities and permanent shareholders' equity on the balance sheets of NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric due to a provision in the preferred stock agreements of both CL&P and NSTAR Electric that grant preferred stockholders the right to elect a majority of the CL&P and NSTAR Electric Board of Directors, respectively, should certain conditions exist, such as if preferred dividends are in arrears for a specified amount of time. The Net Income reported in the statements of income and cash flows represents net income prior to apportionment to noncontrolling interests, which is represented by dividends on preferred stock of CL&P and NSTAR Electric.

C.

Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards: In the first quarter of 2013, NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, adopted the following Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) final Accounting Standards Updates (ASU) relating to additional disclosure requirements:

Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI): The ASU does not change existing guidance on which items should be reclassified out of AOCI but requires additional disclosures about the components of AOCI and the amount of reclassification adjustments to be presented in one location in the footnotes. The ASU was effective beginning in the first quarter of 2013 and was applied prospectively. For further information, see Note 15, "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)," to the financial statements. The ASU did not affect the calculation of net income, comprehensive income or EPS and did not have an impact on financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities: Clarifies the scope of the offsetting disclosure requirements under GAAP and applies to derivative instruments. The ASU was effective beginning in the first quarter of 2013 with retrospective application. For further information, see Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," to the financial statements. The ASU did not have an impact on financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Accounting Standards Issued but not Yet Adopted: In July 2013, the FASB issued a final ASU effective January 1, 2014, requiring presentation of certain unrecognized tax benefits as reductions to deferred tax assets. The ASU is

required to be implemented prospectively on January 1, 2014. Implementation of this guidance will have an immaterial impact on the balance sheets and no impact on the results of operations or cash flows.

D.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and short-term cash investments that are highly liquid in nature and have original maturities of three months or less. At the end of each reporting period, any overdraft amounts are reclassified from Cash and Cash Equivalents to Accounts Payable on the balance sheets.

E.

Provision for Uncollectible Accounts

NU, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, presents its receivables at net realizable value by maintaining a provision for uncollectible amounts. This provision is determined based upon a variety of factors, including applying an estimated uncollectible account percentage to each receivable aging category, based upon historical collection and write-off experience and management's assessment of collectibility from individual customers. Management assesses the collectibility of receivables, and if circumstances change, collectibility estimates are adjusted accordingly. Receivable balances are written off against the provision for uncollectible accounts when the accounts are terminated and these balances are deemed to be uncollectible.

The PURA allows CL&P and Yankee Gas to accelerate the recovery of accounts receivable balances attributable to qualified customers under financial or medical duress (uncollectible hardship accounts receivable) outstanding for greater than 90 days. The DPU allows WMECO to also recover in rates amounts associated with certain uncollectible hardship accounts receivable. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P, WMECO and Yankee Gas had uncollectible hardship accounts receivable reserves in the amount of \$67.3 million, \$5.5 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, with the corresponding under recovery of bad debt expense recorded as Regulatory Assets or Other Long-Term Assets as these amounts are probable of recovery. As of December 31, 2012, these amounts totaled \$65.2 million, \$4.7 million and \$6.4 million, respectively. These amounts are reflected in the total provision for uncollectible accounts in the table below.

The provision for uncollectible accounts, which is included in Receivables, Net on the balance sheets, was as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| NU | \$ 171.3 | \$ 165.5 |
| CL&P | 82.0 | 77.6 |
| NSTAR Electric | 41.7 | 44.1 |
| PSNH | 7.4 | 6.8 |
| WMECO | 10.0 | 8.5 |

F.

Fuel, Materials and Supplies and Allowance Inventory

Fuel, Materials and Supplies include natural gas, coal, biomass and oil inventories as well as materials purchased primarily for construction or operation and maintenance purposes. Natural gas, coal, biomass and oil inventories are valued at their respective weighted average cost. Materials and supplies are valued at the lower of average cost or market.

As of December 31, 2013, NU had \$139.5 million (\$74.2 million at PSNH) of fuel and \$163.7 million (\$54.5 million at PSNH) of materials and supplies. As of December 31, 2012, NU had \$109 million (\$39.6 million at PSNH) of fuel and \$158.7 million (\$55.7 million at PSNH) of materials and supplies.

PSNH is subject to federal and state laws and regulations that regulate emissions of air pollutants, including SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x related to its regulated generation units, and uses SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x emissions allowances. At the end of each compliance period, PSNH is required to relinquish SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x emissions allowances corresponding to the actual respective emissions emitted by its generating units over the compliance period. SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances are obtained through an annual allocation from the federal and state regulators that are granted at no cost and through purchases from third parties. CO₂ emissions allowances are acquired through auctions and through purchases from third parties.

SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x emissions allowances are recorded within Fuel, Materials and Supplies and are classified on the balance sheet as short-term or long-term depending on the period in which they are expected to be utilized against actual emissions. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, PSNH had \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, of short-term SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x emissions allowances classified as Fuel, Materials and Supplies and \$19.4 million and \$19.4 million, respectively, of long-term SO₂ and CO₂ emissions allowances classified as Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets.

SO₂, CO₂, and NO_x emissions allowances are charged to expense based on their weighted average cost as they are utilized against emissions volumes at PSNH's generating units. PSNH recorded expenses of \$0.3 million, \$0.4 million

and \$5.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively, which were included in Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission on the statements of income. These costs or benefits are recovered from or refunded to customers through energy supply revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2013, PSNH received \$6.8 million in proceeds from the auction of allowances, resulting in a net benefit of \$6.5 million.

G.

Restricted Cash and Other Deposits

As of December 31, 2013, NU and CL&P had \$1.7 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of restricted cash relating to amounts held in escrow, which were included in Prepayments and Other Current Assets on the balance sheets. As of December 31, 2012, these amounts were \$3.3 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.7 million for NU, CL&P and PSNH, respectively.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU had \$17.9 million (\$9 million of which related to NSTAR Electric) and \$14.6 million, respectively, of cash collateral posted not subject to master netting agreements, primarily with ISO-NE, which were included in Prepayments and Other Current Assets on the balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2012, NU, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO had \$69.4 million, \$42.2 million, \$22 million and \$5.1 million, respectively, on deposit related to subsidiaries used for the payment of RRBs. As of December 31, 2013, there were no deposits related to these RRB subsidiaries as NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO made their final payments in the first half of 2013 and these deposit balances were fully utilized.

H.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurement guidance is applied to derivative contracts that are not elected or designated as "normal purchases or normal sales" (normal) and to the marketable securities held in trusts. Fair value measurement guidance is also applied to investment valuations used to calculate the funded status of pension and PBOP plans and nonrecurring fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets such as goodwill and AROs.

Fair Value Hierarchy: In measuring fair value, NU uses observable market data when available and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs used in fair value measurements are categorized into three fair value hierarchy levels for disclosure purposes. The entire fair value measurement is categorized based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. NU evaluates the classification of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a quarterly basis, and NU's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2 - Inputs are quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 - Quoted market prices are not available. Fair value is derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or assumptions are unobservable. Where possible, valuation techniques incorporate observable market inputs that can be validated to external sources such as industry exchanges, including prices of energy and energy-related products.

Determination of Fair Value: The valuation techniques and inputs used in NU's fair value measurements are described in Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," Note 6, "Marketable Securities," Note 7, "Asset Retirement Obligations," and Note 14, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," to the financial statements.

I.

Derivative Accounting

Many of the Regulated companies' contracts for the purchase and sale of energy or energy-related products are derivatives. The accounting treatment for energy contracts entered into varies and depends on the intended use of the particular contract and on whether or not the contract is a derivative. For the Regulated companies, regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities are recorded to offset the fair values of derivative contracts, as costs are recovered from, or refunded to, customers in future rates.

The application of derivative accounting is complex and requires management judgment in the following respects: identification of derivatives and embedded derivatives, election and designation of the normal exception, and determination of the fair value of derivative contracts. All of these judgments can have a significant impact on the financial statements.

The judgment applied in the election of the normal exception (and resulting accrual accounting) includes the conclusion that it is probable at the inception of the contract and throughout its term that it will result in physical delivery of the underlying product and that the quantities will be used or sold by the business in the normal course of business. If facts and circumstances change and management can no longer support this conclusion, then the normal exception and accrual accounting is terminated and fair value accounting is applied prospectively.

The fair value of derivative contracts is based upon the contract terms and conditions and the underlying market price or fair value per unit. When quantities are not specified in the contract, the Company determines whether the contract has a determinable quantity by using amounts referenced in default provisions and other relevant sections of the contract. The fair value of derivative assets and liabilities with the same counterparty are offset and recorded as a net derivative asset or liability on the balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of derivative contracts are recorded as regulatory assets or liabilities and do not impact net income.

For further information regarding derivative contracts, see Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," to the financial statements.

J.

Equity Method Investments

Regional Decommissioned Nuclear Companies: CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO own common stock in three regional nuclear generation companies (CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC, collectively referred to as the Yankee Companies), each of which owned a single nuclear generating facility that has been decommissioned. Upon consummation of the merger with NSTAR, NSTAR Electric's ownership interests in CYAPC and YAEC combined with CL&P's, PSNH's and WMECO's respective ownership interests in CYAPC and YAEC totaled greater than 50 percent, requiring NU to consolidate CYAPC and YAEC beginning April 10, 2012. The investments in CYAPC and YAEC had previously been accounted for under the equity method of accounting by NU. For CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, the investment in CYAPC and YAEC, as well as MYAPC, continues to be accounted for under the equity method. At the NU consolidated level, intercompany transactions between CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and the CYAPC and YAEC companies have been eliminated in consolidation.

Ownership interests in the Yankee Companies as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

| <i>(Percent)</i> | CYAPC | YAEC | MYAPC |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| CL&P | 34.5 | 24.5 | 12.0 |
| NSTAR Electric | 14.0 | 14.0 | 4.0 |
| PSNH | 5.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 |
| WMECO | 9.5 | 7.0 | 3.0 |

The total carrying values of CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's ownership interests in CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC, which are included in Other Long-Term Assets on their respective balance sheets, were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|----|------|
| | | 2013 | | 2012 |
| CL&P | \$ | 1.2 | \$ | 1.4 |
| NSTAR Electric | | 0.5 | | 0.6 |
| PSNH | | 0.3 | | 0.3 |
| WMECO | | 0.3 | | 0.4 |

For further information on the Yankee Companies, see Note 12C, "Commitments and Contingencies - Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies," to the financial statements.

Other Investments: As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU had a 37.2 percent (14.5 percent of which related to NSTAR Electric) equity ownership interest in two companies that transmit electricity imported from the Hydro-Québec system in Canada. These investments are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. NU's investment totaled \$5.1 million and \$6 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and NSTAR Electric's investment totaled \$2 million and \$2.3 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU also had an equity ownership interest of \$9.8 million and \$6.8 million in an energy investment fund, respectively.

Equity investments are included in Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets and net earnings related to these equity investments are included in Other Income, Net on the statements of income.

K.

Revenues

Regulated Companies: The Regulated companies' retail revenues are based on rates approved by their respective state regulatory commissions. In general, rates can only be changed through formal proceedings with the state regulatory commissions. The Regulated companies' rates are designed to recover the costs to provide service to their customers, including a return on investment. The Regulated companies also utilize regulatory commission-approved tracking mechanisms to recover certain costs on a fully-reconciling basis. These tracking mechanisms require rates to be changed periodically, with overcollections refunded to customers or undercollections collected from customers in future periods. WMECO has a revenue decoupling mechanism to recover a pre-established level of baseline distribution delivery service revenues per year, independent of actual customer usage. Such decoupling mechanisms effectively break the relationship between kWhs consumed by customers and revenues recognized.

Energy purchases are recorded in Purchased Power, Fuel, and Transmission, and sales of energy associated with these purchases are recorded in Operating Revenues.

Regulated Companies' Unbilled Revenues: Because customers are billed throughout the month based on pre-determined cycles rather than on a calendar month basis, an estimate of electricity or natural gas delivered to customers for which the customers have not yet been billed is calculated as of the balance sheet date. Unbilled revenues are included in Operating Revenues on the statements of income and are assets on the balance sheets. Actual amounts billed to customers when meter readings become available may vary from the estimated amount.

The Regulated companies estimate unbilled sales monthly using the daily load cycle method. The daily load cycle method allocates billed sales to the current calendar month based on the daily load for each billing cycle. The billed sales are subtracted from total month load, net of delivery losses, to estimate unbilled sales. Unbilled revenues are estimated by first allocating unbilled sales to the respective customer classes, then applying an estimated rate by customer class to those sales.

Regulated Companies' Transmission Revenues - Wholesale Rates: Wholesale transmission revenues are recovered through FERC approved formula rates. Wholesale transmission revenues for CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO are collected under the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff (ISO-NE Tariff). The ISO-NE Tariff includes Regional Network Service (RNS) and Schedule 21 - NU rate schedules that recover the costs of transmission and other transmission-related services for CL&P, PSNH and WMECO and Schedule 21 - NSTAR rate schedules that recover costs of transmission and other transmission-related services for NSTAR Electric. The RNS rate, administered by ISO-NE and billed to all New England transmission load, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO's distribution businesses, is reset on June 1st of each year and recovers the revenue requirements associated with transmission facilities that benefit the entire New England region. Schedule 21 - NU and Schedule 21 - NSTAR rates, administered by NU, recovers the remainder of the transmission revenue requirements. The Schedule 21 - NU rate is reset on January 1st and June 1st of each year, while the Schedule 21 - NSTAR rate is reset on June 1st of each year. The Schedule 21 - NU and Schedule 21 - NSTAR rate calculations recover total transmission revenue requirements net of revenues received from other sources (i.e., RNS, rentals, etc.), thereby ensuring that NU recovers all of CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's regional and local transmission revenue requirements in accordance with the ISO-NE Tariff. RNS, Schedule 21 - NU and Schedule 21 - NSTAR rates provide for the annual reconciliation and recovery or refund of estimated costs to actual costs. The financial impacts of differences between actual and estimated costs are deferred for future recovery from, or refunded to, transmission customers.

Regulated Companies' Transmission Revenues - Retail Rates: A significant portion of the NU transmission segment revenue comes from ISO-NE charges to the distribution businesses of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, each of which recovers these costs through rates charged to their retail customers. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO each have a retail transmission cost

tracking mechanism as part of their rates, which allows the electric distribution companies to charge their retail customers for transmission costs on a timely basis.

L.

Operating Expenses

Costs related to fuel and natural gas included in Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission on the statements of income were as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| NU - Natural Gas and Fuel ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 466.5 | \$ 346.8 | \$ 307.9 |
| PSNH - Fuel | 104.8 | 103.4 | 115.9 |

⁽¹⁾ NSTAR Gas natural gas costs were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

M.

Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

AFUDC represents the cost of borrowed and equity funds used to finance construction and is included in the cost of the Regulated companies' utility plant. The portion of AFUDC attributable to borrowed funds is recorded as a reduction of Other Interest Expense, and the AFUDC related to equity funds is recorded as Other Income, Net on the statements of income. AFUDC costs are recovered from customers over the service life of the related plant in the form of increased revenue collected as a result of higher depreciation expense.

| NU <i>(Millions of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| AFUDC: | | | |
| Borrowed Funds | \$ 4.1 | \$ 5.3 | \$ 11.8 |
| Equity Funds | 7.1 | 6.8 | 22.5 |
| Total | \$ 11.2 | \$ 12.1 | \$ 34.3 |
| Average AFUDC Rate | 2.7% | 3.7% | 7.3% |

⁽¹⁾ NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

| <i>(Millions of Dollars,</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| NSTAR | NSTAR | NSTAR | NSTAR |

| <i>except percentages)</i> | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| AFUDC: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borrowed Funds | \$ 2.2 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 0.3 | \$ 1.6 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 3.3 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 7.1 | \$ 0.5 |
| Equity Funds | 2.9 | - | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.9 | - | 1.9 | 1.0 | 6.0 | - | 13.2 | 1.0 |
| Total | \$ 5.1 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.7 | \$ 1.5 | \$ 4.4 | \$ 0.3 | \$ 3.5 | \$ 1.5 | \$ 9.3 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 20.3 | \$ 1.5 |
| Average AFUDC Rate | 3.7% | 0.5% | 1.1% | 6.1% | 3.6% | 0.4% | 5.9% | 6.8% | 8.3% | 0.3% | 7.1% | 7.4% |

The Regulated companies' average AFUDC rate is based on a FERC-prescribed formula using the cost of a company's short-term financings as well as a company's capitalization (preferred stock, long-term debt and common equity). The average rate is applied to average eligible CWIP amounts to calculate AFUDC.

N.

Other Income, Net

Items included within Other Income, Net on the statements of income primarily consist of investment income/(loss), interest income, AFUDC related to equity funds, and equity in earnings. Investment income/(loss) primarily related to the NU supplemental benefit trust. For further information, see Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements. For further information on AFUDC related to equity funds, see Note 1M, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Allowance for Funds Used During Construction," to the financial statements. For further information on equity in earnings, see Note 1J, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Equity Method Investments," to the financial statements.

O.

Other Taxes

Gross receipts taxes levied by the state of Connecticut are collected by CL&P and Yankee Gas from their respective customers. These gross receipts taxes are shown on a gross basis with collections in Operating Revenues and payments in Taxes Other Than Income Taxes on the statements of income as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| NU | \$ | 144.1 | \$ | 135.0 | \$ | 137.8 |
| CL&P | | 128.2 | | 120.7 | | 121.6 |

Certain sales taxes are also collected by NU's companies that serve customers in Connecticut and Massachusetts as agents for state and local governments and are recorded on a net basis with no impact on the statements of income.

P.**Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | As of and For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|---------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| Cash Paid/(Received) During the Year for: | | | |
| Interest, Net of Amounts Capitalized | \$ 343.3 | \$ 356.5 | \$ 256.3 |
| Income Taxes | 50.0 | (12.8) | (76.6) |
| Non-Cash Investing Activities: | | | |
| Plant Additions Included in Accounts Payable (As of) | 193.1 | 160.6 | 168.5 |

⁽¹⁾ NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

| | As of and For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2011 | | | |
| (Millions of Dollars) | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | |
| | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Cash Paid/(Received) During the Year for: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest, Net of Amounts Capitalized | \$ 131.6 | \$ 75.8 | \$ 43.3 | \$ 25.8 | \$ 129.4 | \$ 94.6 | \$ 49.8 | \$ 25.8 | \$ 136.6 | \$ 96.1 | \$ 49.3 | \$ 22.1 |
| Income Taxes | 55.0 | 163.4 | (30.1) | (69.0) | (42.0) | 88.1 | 14.7 | (8.4) | (27.5) | (62.2) | (29.0) | (4.9) |
| Non-Cash Investing Activities: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plant Additions Included in Accounts Payable (As of) | 51.4 | 57.0 | 34.9 | 19.5 | 42.8 | 50.0 | 16.8 | 30.0 | 32.7 | 34.3 | 51.1 | 61.3 |

The merger of NU with NSTAR on April 10, 2012 represented a significant non-cash transaction. Refer to Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," for further information on the purchase price of NSTAR.

Q.**Related Parties**

NUSCO, NU's service company, provides centralized accounting, administrative, engineering, financial, information technology, legal, operational, planning, purchasing, and other services to NU's companies. RRR, Renewable Properties, Inc. and Properties, Inc., three other NU subsidiaries, construct, acquire or lease some of the property and facilities used by NU's companies.

As of both December 31, 2013 and 2012, CL&P, PSNH and WMECO had long-term receivables from NUSCO in the amounts of \$25 million, \$3.8 million and \$5.5 million, respectively, which were included in Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets. These amounts related to the funding of investments held in trust by NUSCO in connection with certain postretirement benefits for CL&P, PSNH and WMECO employees and have been eliminated in consolidation on the NU financial statements.

NSTAR Electric's balance sheets included \$64.2 million and \$70.2 million in Payable to Affiliated Companies as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These amounts related to payments received from affiliates as a result of NSTAR Electric's role as the acting sponsor of the NSTAR Pension Plan.

Included in the CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 were Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies and Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies relating to transactions between CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and other subsidiaries that are wholly owned by NU. These amounts have been eliminated in consolidation on the NU financial statements.

R.

Severance Benefits

During 2013, NU recorded severance benefit expenses of \$9.7 million in connection with the partial outsourcing of information technology functions made as part of ongoing post-merger integration. As of December 31, 2013, the severance accrual totaled \$14.7 million and was included in Other Current Liabilities on the balance sheet.

2.

MERGER OF NU AND NSTAR

On April 10, 2012, NU acquired 100 percent of the outstanding common shares of NSTAR. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, as amended, (the "Merger Agreement,") NSTAR and its subsidiaries became wholly-owned subsidiaries of NU.

NSTAR was a holding company engaged through its subsidiaries in the energy delivery business serving electric and natural gas distribution customers in Massachusetts. As part of the merger, NSTAR shareholders received 1.312 NU common shares for each NSTAR common share owned (the "exchange ratio") as of the acquisition date. The exchange ratio was structured to result in a no-premium merger based on the average closing share price of each company's common shares for the 20 trading days preceding the announcement of the merger in October 2010. NU issued approximately 136 million common shares to the NSTAR shareholders as a result of the merger.

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Purchase Price: Pursuant to the merger, all of the NSTAR common shares were exchanged at the fixed exchange ratio of 1.312 NU common shares for each NSTAR common share. The total consideration transferred in the merger was based on the closing price of NU common shares on April 9, 2012, the day prior to the date the merger was completed, and was calculated as follows:

| | |
|---|----------|
| NSTAR common shares outstanding as of April 9, 2012 (in thousands)* | 103,696 |
| Exchange ratio | 1.312 |
| NU common shares issued for NSTAR common shares outstanding (in thousands) | 136,049 |
| Closing price of NU common shares on April 9, 2012 | \$ 36.79 |
| Value of common shares issued (in millions) | \$ 5,005 |
| Fair value of NU replacement stock-based compensation awards related to pre-merger service (in millions) | 33 |
| Total purchase price (in millions) | \$ 5,038 |

*

Included 109 thousand shares related to NSTAR stock-based compensation awards that vested immediately prior to the merger.

Certain of NSTAR's stock-based compensation awards, including deferred shares, performance shares and all outstanding stock options, were replaced with NU awards using the exchange ratio upon consummation of the merger. In accordance with accounting guidance for business combinations, the portion of the fair value of these awards attributable to service provided prior to the merger was included in the purchase price as it represented consideration transferred in the merger. See Note 10D, "Employee Benefits - Share-Based Payments," for further information.

Purchase Price Allocation: The allocation of the total purchase price to the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was determined based on the accounting guidance for fair value measurements, which defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The allocation of the total purchase price included adjustments to record the fair value of NSTAR's unregulated telecommunications business, regulatory assets not earning a return, lease agreements, long-term debt and the preferred stock of NSTAR Electric. The fair values of NSTAR's assets and liabilities were determined based on significant estimates and assumptions, including Level 3 inputs, that were judgmental in nature. These estimates and assumptions included the timing and amounts of projected future cash flows and discount rates reflecting risk inherent in future cash flows.

In accordance with accounting guidance for business combinations, the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recognized as goodwill. The allocation of the purchase price was as follows:

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|--|----|---------|
| Current Assets | \$ | 739 |
| Property Plant and Equipment, Net | | 5,155 |
| Goodwill | | 3,232 |
| Other Long-Term Assets, excluding Goodwill | | 2,103 |
| Current Liabilities | | (1,330) |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | (2,723) |
| Long-Term Debt and Other Long-Term Obligations | | (2,099) |
| Noncontrolling Interest | | (39) |
| Total Purchase Price | \$ | 5,038 |

The goodwill from the merger with NSTAR of \$3.2 billion was allocated to NU's reporting units based on their estimated fair values. NU's reporting units consist of Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution. See the "Goodwill" section below for the allocation of goodwill to each reporting unit.

Pro Forma Financial Information: The following unaudited pro forma financial information reflects the pro forma combined results of operations of NU and NSTAR and reflects the amortization of purchase price adjustments assuming the merger had taken place on January 1, 2011. The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the consolidated results of operations that would have been achieved or the future consolidated results of operations of NU.

| <i>(Pro forma amounts in millions, except per share amounts)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 7,004 | \$ 7,361 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | 630 | 689 |
| Basic EPS | 2.00 | 2.20 |
| Diluted EPS | 1.99 | 2.19 |

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Pro forma net income does not include potential cost savings associated with the merger. Pro forma net income also excludes certain non-recurring merger costs and costs related to the Connecticut and Massachusetts merger settlement agreements described below, with the following aggregate after-tax impacts:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|---|----|-------------|----|
| | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| Transaction and Other Costs | \$ | 32 | \$ | 19 |
| Settlement Agreement Impacts | | 60 | | - |
| Total After-Tax Non-Recurring Costs Excluded from Pro Forma Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ | 92 | \$ | 19 |

Regulatory Approvals: On February 15, 2012, NU and NSTAR reached comprehensive merger settlement agreements with the Massachusetts Attorney General and the DOER. The Attorney General settlement agreement covered a variety of rate-making and rate design issues, including a base distribution rate freeze through 2015 for NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and WMECO and \$15 million, \$3 million and \$3 million in the form of rate credits to their respective customers. The settlement agreement reached with the DOER covered the same rate-making and rate design issues as the Attorney General's settlement agreement, as well as a variety of matters impacting the advancement of Massachusetts clean energy policy established by the Green Communities Act and Global Warming Solutions Act. On April 4, 2012, the DPU approved the settlement agreements and the merger of NU and NSTAR.

On March 13, 2012, NU and NSTAR reached a comprehensive merger settlement agreement with both the Connecticut Attorney General and the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel. The settlement agreement covered a variety of matters, including a \$25 million rate credit to CL&P customers, a CL&P base distribution rate freeze until December 1, 2014, and the establishment of a \$15 million fund for energy efficiency and other initiatives to be disbursed at the direction of the DEEP. In the agreement, CL&P agreed to forego rate recovery of \$40 million of the deferred storm restoration costs associated with restoration activities following Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm. On April 2, 2012, the PURA approved the settlement agreement and the merger of NU and NSTAR.

The pre-tax financial impacts of the Connecticut and Massachusetts merger settlement agreements that were recognized in 2012 by NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, and WMECO are summarized as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU | | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | WMECO | |
|---|-----------|-----|-----------------|----|-----------------------|----|--------------|---|
| Customer Rate Credits | \$ | 46 | \$ | 25 | \$ | 15 | \$ | 3 |
| Storm Costs Deferral Reduction | | 40 | | 40 | | - | | - |
| Establishment of Energy Efficiency Fund | | 15 | | - | | - | | - |
| Total Pre-Tax Settlement Agreement Impacts | \$ | 101 | \$ | 65 | \$ | 15 | \$ | 3 |

Goodwill: In accordance with the accounting standards, goodwill is not subject to amortization. However, goodwill is subject to fair value-based rules for measuring impairment, and resulting write-downs, if any, are charged to Operating Expenses. These accounting standards require that goodwill be reviewed at least annually for impairment and whenever facts or circumstances indicate that there may be an impairment. NU uses October 1st as the annual goodwill impairment testing date.

On April 10, 2012, upon consummation of the merger with NSTAR, NU recorded approximately \$3.2 billion of goodwill. With the completion of the merger, NU reviewed its management structure and determined that the reporting units for the purpose of testing goodwill for impairment are Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution. NU's reporting units are consistent with the operating segments underlying the reportable segments identified in Note 21, "Segment Information," to the financial statements. Accordingly, the goodwill resulting from the merger was allocated to the Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution reporting units based on the estimated fair values of the reporting units as of the merger date.

Prior to the merger with NSTAR, the only reporting unit that maintained goodwill was the Natural Gas Distribution reportable segment related to the acquisition of the parent of Yankee Gas in 2000. This goodwill was recorded at Yankee Gas. The goodwill balance at Yankee Gas as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$0.3 billion.

NU completed its annual goodwill impairment test for each of its reporting units as of October 1, 2013 and determined that no impairment exists. There were no events subsequent to October 1, 2013 that indicated impairment of goodwill.

The allocation of goodwill to NU's reporting units was as follows:

| <i>(Billions of Dollars)</i> | Electric Distribution | Electric Transmission | Natural Gas Distribution | Total |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 0.3 | \$ 0.3 |
| Merger with NSTAR | 2.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 0.4 | \$ 3.5 |

There were no changes to the goodwill balance or the allocation of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2013.

3.

REGULATORY ACCOUNTING

The rates charged to the customers of NU's Regulated companies are designed to collect each company's costs to provide service, including a return on investment. Therefore, the accounting policies of the Regulated companies reflect the application of accounting guidance for entities with rate-regulated operations and reflect the effects of the rate-making process.

Management believes it is probable that each of the Regulated companies will recover their respective investments in long-lived assets, including regulatory assets. If management were to determine that it could no longer apply the accounting guidance applicable to rate-regulated enterprises to any of the Regulated companies' operations, or that management could not conclude it is probable that costs would be recovered from customers in future rates, the costs would be charged to net income in the period in which the determination is made.

Regulatory Assets: The components of regulatory assets are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------|------|---------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| Benefit Costs | \$ | 1,240.2 | \$ | 2,452.1 |
| Derivative Liabilities | | 638.0 | | 885.6 |
| Goodwill | | 525.9 | | 537.6 |
| Storm Restoration Costs | | 589.6 | | 547.7 |
| Income Taxes, Net | | 626.2 | | 516.2 |
| Securitized Assets | | - | | 232.6 |
| Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies | | 154.2 | | 217.6 |
| Buy Out Agreements for Power Contracts | | 70.2 | | 92.9 |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | | 323.4 | | 190.1 |
| Other Regulatory Assets | | 126.8 | | 165.0 |
| Total Regulatory Assets | | 4,294.5 | | 5,837.4 |
| Less: Current Portion | | 535.8 | | 705.0 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Assets | \$ | 3,758.7 | \$ | 5,132.4 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Benefit Costs | \$ 297.7 | \$ 496.7 | \$ 100.6 | \$ 57.3 | \$ 563.2 | \$ 781.2 | \$ 223.7 | \$ 116.0 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 630.4 | 7.7 | - | - | 866.2 | 14.9 | - | 3.0 |
| Goodwill | - | 451.5 | - | - | - | 461.5 | - | - |
| | 397.8 | 109.3 | 43.7 | 38.8 | 413.9 | 55.8 | 34.5 | 43.5 |

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|--|------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Storm Restoration Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Income Taxes, Net | 415.5 | 84.0 | 40.3 | 43.7 | 367.5 | 47.1 | 36.2 | 31.0 |
| Securitized Assets | - | - | - | - | - | 205.1 | 19.7 | 7.8 |
| Contractual Obligations - | | | | | | | | |
| Yankee Companies | 19.8 | 6.2 | - | 4.5 | 64.0 | 22.8 | - | 14.9 |
| Buy Out Agreements for Power Contracts | - | 64.7 | 5.5 | - | - | 85.9 | 7.0 | - |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | 8.0 | 169.5 | 83.3 | 32.6 | 12.2 | 71.4 | 49.3 | 31.9 |
| Other Regulatory Assets | 44.8 | 49.7 | 38.1 | 12.2 | 57.3 | 46.3 | 43.6 | 16.1 |
| Total Regulatory Assets | 1,814.0 | 1,439.3 | 311.5 | 189.1 | 2,344.3 | 1,792.0 | 414.0 | 264.2 |
| Less: Current Portion | 150.9 | 204.1 | 92.2 | 43.0 | 185.9 | 347.1 | 62.9 | 42.4 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Assets | \$ 1,663.1 | \$ 1,235.2 | \$ 219.3 | \$ 146.1 | \$ 2,158.4 | \$ 1,444.9 | \$ 351.1 | \$ 221.8 |

Regulatory Costs in Other Long-Term Assets: The Regulated companies had \$65.1 million (\$7.3 million for CL&P, \$33.4 million for NSTAR Electric, and \$10.1 million for WMECO) and \$69.9 million (\$3.9 million for CL&P, \$25.4 million for NSTAR Electric, \$35.7 million for PSNH, and \$1.4 million for WMECO) of additional regulatory costs as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, that were included in Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets.

These amounts represent incurred costs for which recovery has not yet been specifically approved by the applicable regulatory agency. However, based on regulatory policies or past precedent on similar costs, management believes it is probable that these costs will ultimately be approved and recovered from customers in rates.

The PSNH balance as of December 31, 2012 primarily related to storm restoration costs incurred for Tropical Storm Irene, the October 2011 snowstorm and Storm Sandy that met the NHPUC criteria for cost deferral and recovery.

Refer to the "*Storm Restoration Costs*" section in this Note for further discussion. The NSTAR Electric balance as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 primarily related to costs deferred in connection with the basic service bad debt adder. See Note 12G, "Commitments and Contingencies - Basic Service Bad Debt Adder," for further information.

Equity Return on Regulatory Assets: For rate-making purposes, the Regulated companies recover the carrying cost related to their regulatory assets. For certain regulatory assets, the carrying cost recovered includes an equity return component. This equity return, which is not recorded on the balance sheets, totaled \$1.9 million and \$2.5 million for CL&P and \$33.1 million and \$21.8 million for PSNH as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These carrying costs will be recovered from customers in future rates.

Regulatory Assets - The following provides further information about regulatory assets:

Benefit Costs: NU's Pension, SERP and PBOP Plans are accounted for in accordance with accounting guidance on defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans. Because the Regulated companies recover the retiree benefit costs from customers through rates, regulatory assets are recorded in lieu of a charge to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) to reflect the liability that is recognized for the funded status of the pension and other postretirement plans and is remeasured annually. Regulatory accounting was also applied to the portions of NU's service company costs that support the Regulated companies, as these amounts are also recoverable. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO do not collect carrying charges on these benefit costs regulatory assets.

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO recover benefit costs related to their distribution and transmission operations from customers in rates as allowed by their applicable regulatory commissions. NSTAR Electric and WMECO each recover their qualified pension and postretirement expenses related to distribution operations through rate reconciling mechanisms that fully track the change in net pension and postretirement expenses each year. NSTAR Electric earns a carrying charge on the excess cumulative benefit plan trust fund contributions it has made over what it has cumulatively recognized as net periodic benefit expense, net of deferred income taxes. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, these balances were \$379.9 million and \$366.8 million of the total benefit costs regulatory asset, respectively.

Derivative Liabilities: Regulatory assets recorded as an offset to derivative liabilities relate to the fair value of contracts used to purchase energy and energy-related products that will be recovered from customers in future rates. See Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," to the financial statements for further information. These assets are excluded from rate base and are being recovered as the actual settlements occur over the duration of the contracts.

Goodwill: The goodwill regulatory asset originated from the transaction that created NSTAR in 1999. This regulatory asset is currently being amortized and recovered from customers in rates without a carrying charge over a 40-year period (as of December 31, 2013, there were 26 years of amortization remaining).

Storm Restoration Costs: The storm restoration cost deferrals relate to costs incurred at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO that each company expects to recover from customers. A storm must meet certain criteria to be declared a major storm with the criteria specific to each state jurisdiction and utility company as follows:

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Connecticut - qualifying storm restoration costs must exceed \$5 million for a storm to be declared a major storm;

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Massachusetts - qualifying storm restoration costs must exceed \$1 million for NSTAR Electric and \$300,000 for WMECO and an emergency response plan must be initiated for a storm to be declared a major storm; and

New Hampshire - For a storm to be declared a major storm: (1) at least 10 percent of customers must be without power with at least 200 concurrent locations requiring repairs (trouble spots), or (2) at least 300 concurrent trouble spots must be reported.

Once a storm is declared major, all qualifying expenses prudently incurred during storm restoration efforts are deferred and recovered from customers.

In addition to storm restoration costs, PSNH is allowed recovery of prudently incurred storm pre-staging costs in accordance with NHPUC regulation.

In 2013, 2012 and 2011, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO experienced significant storms, including Tropical Storm Irene, the October 2011 snowstorm, Storm Sandy, and the February 2013 blizzard. As a result of these storm events, each Company suffered extensive damage to its distribution and transmission systems resulting in customer outages, which required the incurrence of costs to repair damage and restore customer service. The storm restoration cost regulatory asset balance at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO reflects costs incurred for major storm events. Management believes the storm restoration costs were prudent and meet the criteria for specific cost recovery in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and as a result, are probable of recovery.

Storm Filings: Each electric utility is seeking recovery of its deferred storm restoration costs through its applicable regulatory recovery process.

On February 3, 2014, the PURA issued a draft decision on CL&P's request to recover storm restoration costs associated with five major storms, all of which occurred in 2011 and 2012. In its draft decision, the PURA approved recovery of \$365 million of deferred storm restoration costs and ordered CL&P to capitalize approximately \$18 million of the deferred storm restoration costs as utility plant, which will be included in depreciation expense in future rate proceedings. PURA will allow recovery of the \$365 million with carrying charges in CL&P's distribution rates over a six-year period beginning December 1, 2014. The remaining costs were either disallowed or are probable of recovery in future rates and did not have a material impact on CL&P's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On December 30, 2013, the DPU approved NSTAR Electric's request to recover storm restoration costs, plus carrying costs, related to Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm. The DPU approved recovery of \$34.2 million of the \$38 million requested costs. NSTAR Electric will recover these costs, plus carrying costs, in its distribution rates over a five-year period beginning on January 1, 2014.

On June 27, 2013, the NHPUC approved an increase to PSNH's distribution rates effective July 1, 2013, which included a \$5 million increase to the current level of funding for the major storm cost reserve. The major storm cost reserve is used to offset the storm restoration cost regulatory asset.

On August 30, 2013, WMECO submitted its 2013 Annual Storm Reserve Recovery Cost Adjustment (SRRCA) filing to begin recovering the restoration costs associated with the October 2011 snowstorm and Storm Sandy. On December 20, 2013, the DPU approved the 2013 Annual SRRCA filing for effect on January 1, 2014, subject to further review and reconciliation.

Income Taxes, Net: The tax effect of temporary book-tax differences (differences between the periods in which transactions affect income in the financial statements and the periods in which they affect the determination of taxable income, including those differences relating to uncertain tax positions) is accounted for in accordance with the rate-making treatment of the applicable regulatory commissions and accounting guidance for income taxes.

Differences in income taxes between the accounting guidance and the rate-making treatment of the applicable regulatory commissions are recorded as regulatory assets. As these assets are offset by deferred income tax liabilities, no carrying charge is collected. For further information regarding income taxes, see Note 11, "Income Taxes," to the financial statements.

Securitized Assets: NSTAR Electric's securitized regulatory asset balance primarily included costs related to purchase power contract divestitures and certain costs related to NSTAR Electric's former generation business that were recovered with a return through the transition charge and amounted to \$186.1 million as of December 31, 2012. These costs were fully recovered from customers in 2013.

The securitized regulatory asset balance as of December 31, 2012 also included proceeds received from the issuance of RRBs at NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO that were used to buy out or buy down purchase power contracts.

The collateralized amounts reflected as securitized regulatory assets for NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO as of December 31, 2012 were \$14.1 million, \$19.7 million and \$7.8 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's RRBs were fully redeemed and the related regulatory assets were fully recovered from customers.

Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies: CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are responsible for their proportionate share of the remaining costs of the CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC nuclear facilities, including decommissioning. A portion of these amounts was recorded as a regulatory asset. Amounts for CL&P are earning a return and are being recovered through the CTA. Amounts for NSTAR Electric and WMECO are being recovered without a return through the transition charge. Amounts for PSNH were fully recovered in 2006. As a result of NU's consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, NU's regulatory asset balance also includes the regulatory assets of CYAPC and YAEC, which totalled \$129.8 million and \$214 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. At the NU consolidated level, intercompany transactions between CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO and the CYAPC and YAEC companies have been eliminated in consolidation.

Buy Out Agreements for Power Contracts: NSTAR Electric's balance represents the contract termination liability related to certain purchase power contract buy out agreements that were executed in 2004. The contracts' termination payments occur through September 2016 and are collected from customers through NSTAR Electric's transition charge over the same period. Therefore, NSTAR Electric does not earn a return on this regulatory asset. PSNH's balance represents payments associated with the termination of various power purchase contracts that were recorded as regulatory assets and are amortized over the remaining life of the contracts.

Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms: The Regulated companies' approved rates are designed to recover their incurred costs to provide service to customers. The Regulated companies are permitted to recover certain of their costs on a fully-reconciling basis through regulatory commission-approved tracking mechanisms. The difference between the costs incurred (or the rate recovery allowed) and the actual revenues is recorded as regulatory assets (for undercollections) or regulatory liabilities (for overcollections) to be included in future customer rates each year. Carrying charges are recorded on all material regulatory tracker mechanisms.

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO each recover the costs associated with the procurement of energy, transmission related costs from FERC-approved transmission tariffs, energy efficiency programs, low income assistance programs, and restructuring and stranded costs as a result of deregulation, on a fully reconciling basis. Energy procurement costs at PSNH include the costs related to its generating stations.

WMECO's distribution revenue is decoupled from its customer sales volume. WMECO reconciles its annual base distribution rate recovery to a pre-established level of baseline distribution delivery service revenue. Any difference between the allowed level of distribution revenue and the actual amount incurred in a calendar year is adjusted through rates in the following year.

Other Regulatory Assets: Other Regulatory Assets primarily include asset retirement obligations, environmental remediation costs, losses associated with the reacquisition or redemption of long-term debt and various other items, partially offset by purchase price adjustments recorded as Regulatory Assets in connection with the merger with NSTAR. The ARO costs associated with the depreciation of the Regulated companies' ARO assets and accretion of the ARO liabilities are recorded as regulatory assets. For CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO, ARO assets, regulatory assets and liabilities offset and are excluded from rate base. PSNH's ARO assets, regulatory assets and liabilities are included in rate base; these costs are being recovered over the life of the underlying property, plant and equipment.

Regulatory Liabilities: The components of regulatory liabilities are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | | 2013 | | As of December 31, 2012 |
|--|----|------|-------|----------------------------|
| Cost of Removal | \$ | | 435.1 | \$ 440.8 |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | | | 151.2 | 95.1 |
| AFUDC Transmission | | | 68.1 | 70.0 |
| Other Regulatory Liabilities | | | 52.9 | 68.4 |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities | | | 707.3 | 674.3 |
| Less: Current Portion | | | 204.3 | 134.1 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Liabilities | \$ | | 503.0 | \$ 540.2 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | 2013 | | | | As of December 31, 2012 | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | CL&P | NSTAR | | | CL&P | NSTAR | | |
| | | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Cost of Removal | \$ 29.1 | \$ 250.0 | \$ 49.7 | \$ - | \$ 44.2 | \$ 240.3 | \$ 51.2 | \$ - |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | 95.6 | 21.9 | 21.6 | 21.1 | 39.1 | 14.4 | 20.4 | 19.0 |
| AFUDC Transmission | 54.7 | 4.1 | - | 9.3 | 56.6 | 4.1 | - | 9.3 |
| Other Regulatory Liabilities | 8.4 | 31.1 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 32.9 | 3.8 | 2.4 |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities | 187.8 | 307.1 | 72.3 | 33.8 | 156.4 | 291.7 | 75.4 | 30.7 |
| Less: Current Portion | 94.0 | 54.0 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 32.1 | 47.5 | 23.0 | 21.0 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Liabilities | \$ 93.8 | \$ 253.1 | \$ 51.7 | \$ 13.9 | \$ 124.3 | \$ 244.2 | \$ 52.4 | \$ 9.7 |

Cost of Removal: NU's Regulated companies currently recover amounts in rates for future costs of removal of plant assets over the lives of the assets. The estimated cost to remove utility assets from service is recognized as a component of depreciation expense and the cumulative amounts collected from customers but not yet expended is recognized as a regulatory liability. Expended costs that exceed amounts collected from customers are recognized as regulatory assets, as they are probable of recovery in future rates.

AFUDC - Transmission: AFUDC was recorded by CL&P and WMECO for their NEEWS projects through May 31, 2011, all of which was reserved as a regulatory liability to reflect rate base recovery for 100 percent of the CWIP as a result of FERC-approved transmission incentives. Effective June 1, 2011, FERC approved changes to the ISO-NE Tariff in order to include 100 percent of the NEEWS CWIP in regional rate base. As a result, CL&P and WMECO no longer record AFUDC on NEEWS CWIP. NSTAR Electric recorded AFUDC on reliability-related projects over \$5 million through December 31, 2013, 50 percent of which was recorded as a regulatory liability to reflect rate base recovery for 50 percent of the CWIP as a result of FERC-approved transmission incentives.

Other Regulatory Liabilities: Other Regulatory Liabilities primarily includes amounts that are subject to various rate reconciling mechanisms that, as of each period end date, would result in refunds to customers.

4.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

Utility property, plant and equipment is recorded at original cost. Original cost includes materials, labor, construction overhead and AFUDC for regulated property. The cost of repairs and maintenance, including planned major maintenance activities, is charged to Operating Expenses as incurred.

The following tables summarize the investments in utility property, plant and equipment by asset category:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Distribution - Electric | \$ 11,950.2 | \$ 11,438.2 |
| Distribution - Natural Gas | 2,425.9 | 2,274.2 |
| Transmission | 6,412.5 | 5,541.1 |
| Generation | 1,152.3 | 1,146.6 |
| Electric and Natural Gas Utility | 21,940.9 | 20,400.1 |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 508.7 | 429.3 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross | 22,449.6 | 20,829.4 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| Electric and Natural Gas Utility | (5,387.0) | (5,065.1) |
| Other | (196.2) | (171.5) |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | (5,583.2) | (5,236.6) |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 16,866.4 | 15,592.8 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 709.8 | 1,012.2 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | \$ 17,576.2 | \$ 16,605.0 |

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These assets represent unregulated property and are primarily comprised of building improvements at RRR, software, hardware and equipment at NUSCO and telecommunications assets at NSTAR Communications, Inc.

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | | | NSTAR | | | |
| | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Distribution | \$ 4,930.7 | \$ 4,694.7 | \$ 1,608.2 | \$ 756.6 | \$ 4,691.3 | \$ 4,539.9 | \$ 1,520.1 | \$ 724.2 |
| Transmission | 3,071.9 | 1,772.3 | 695.7 | 826.4 | 2,796.1 | 1,529.7 | 599.2 | 583.7 |
| Generation | - | - | 1,131.2 | 21.1 | - | - | 1,125.5 | 21.1 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross | 8,002.6 | 6,467.0 | 3,435.1 | 1,604.1 | 7,487.4 | 6,069.6 | 3,244.8 | 1,329.0 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | (1,804.1) | (1,631.3) | (1,021.8) | (271.5) | (1,698.1) | (1,540.1) | (954.0) | (252.1) |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 6,198.5 | 4,835.7 | 2,413.3 | 1,332.6 | 5,789.3 | 4,529.5 | 2,290.8 | 1,076.9 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 252.8 | 208.2 | 54.3 | 48.5 | 363.7 | 205.8 | 61.7 | 213.6 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | \$ 6,451.3 | \$ 5,043.9 | \$ 2,467.6 | \$ 1,381.1 | \$ 6,153.0 | \$ 4,735.3 | \$ 2,352.5 | \$ 1,290.5 |

Depreciation of utility assets is calculated on a straight-line basis using composite rates based on the estimated remaining useful lives of the various classes of property (estimated useful life for PSNH distribution). The composite rates are subject to approval by the appropriate state regulatory agency. The composite rates include a cost of removal component, which is collected from customers over the lives of the plant assets and is recognized as a regulatory liability. Depreciation rates are applied to property from the time it is placed in service.

Upon retirement from service, the cost of the utility asset is charged to the accumulated provision for depreciation. The actual incurred removal costs are applied against the related regulatory liability.

The depreciation rates for the various classes of utility property, plant and equipment aggregate to composite rates as follows:

| <i>(Percent)</i> | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------|------|------|------|
|------------------|------|------|------|

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| NU | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| CL&P | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| NSTAR Electric | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| PSNH | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| WMECO | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.9 |

The following table summarizes average useful lives of depreciable assets:

| <i>(Years)</i> | Average Depreciable Life | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | NU | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Distribution | 36.1 | 42.0 | 32.9 | 32.7 | 29.8 |
| Transmission | 43.0 | 39.6 | 47.2 | 42.3 | 49.5 |
| Generation | 32.2 | - | - | 32.4 | 25.0 |
| Other | 14.6 | - | - | - | - |

5.

DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Regulated companies purchase and procure energy and energy-related products for their customers, which are subject to price volatility. The costs associated with supplying energy to customers are recoverable through customer rates. The Regulated companies manage the risks associated with the price volatility of energy and energy-related products through the use of derivative and nonderivative contracts.

Many of the derivative contracts meet the definition of, and are designated as, normal and qualify for accrual accounting under the applicable accounting guidance. The costs and benefits of derivative contracts that meet the definition of normal are recognized in Operating Expenses or Operating Revenues on the statements of income, as applicable, as electricity or natural gas is delivered.

Derivative contracts that are not designated as normal are recorded at fair value as current or long-term Derivative Assets or Derivative Liabilities on the balance sheets. For the Regulated companies, regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities are recorded to offset the fair values of derivatives, as costs are recovered from, or refunded to, customers in their respective energy supply rates. For NU's unregulated wholesale marketing contracts that expired on December 31, 2013, changes in fair values of derivatives were included in Net Income.

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The gross fair values of derivative assets and liabilities with the same counterparty are offset and reported as net Derivative Assets or Derivative Liabilities, with current and long-term portions, on the balance sheets. Cash collateral posted or collected under master netting agreements is recorded as an offset to the derivative asset or liability. The following tables present the gross fair values of contracts categorized by risk type and the net amount recorded as current or long-term derivative asset or liability:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | As of December 31, 2013 | | |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | | Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management | Netting ⁽¹⁾ | Net Amount Recorded as Derivative Asset/(Liability) |
| <u>Current Derivative Assets:</u> | | | | |
| Level 2: | | | | |
| | Other ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1.9 | \$ (0.3) | \$ 1.6 |
| Level 3: | | | | |
| | CL&P ⁽¹⁾ | 17.1 | (9.8) | 7.3 |
| | NSTAR Electric | 1.2 | - | 1.2 |
| | WMECO | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| | Total Current Derivative Assets | \$ 20.3 | \$ (10.1) | \$ 10.2 |
| <u>Long-Term Derivative Assets:</u> | | | | |
| Level 2: | | | | |
| - | Other | \$ 0.2 | \$ - | \$ 0.2 |
| Level 3: | | | | |
| | CL&P ⁽¹⁾ | 113.6 | (42.2) | 71.4 |
| | WMECO | 2.6 | - | 2.6 |
| | Total Long-Term Derivative Assets | \$ 116.4 | \$ (42.2) | \$ 74.2 |
| <u>Current Derivative Liabilities:</u> | | | | |
| Level 3: | | | | |
| | CL&P | \$ (92.2) | \$ - | \$ (92.2) |
| | NSTAR Electric | (1.5) | - | (1.5) |
| | Total Current Derivative Liabilities | \$ (93.7) | \$ - | \$ (93.7) |
| <u>Long-Term Derivative Liabilities:</u> | | | | |
| Level 3: | | | | |
| | CL&P | \$ (617.1) | \$ - | \$ (617.1) |
| | NSTAR Electric | (7.0) | - | (7.0) |
| | Total Long-Term Derivative Liabilities | \$ (624.1) | \$ - | \$ (624.1) |

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | As of December 31, 2012 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | | Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management | Netting ⁽¹⁾ | Net Amount Recorded as Derivative Asset/(Liability) |
| <u>Current Derivative Assets:</u> | | | | |
| Level 2: | | | | |
| - | Other | \$ 0.2 | \$ - | \$ 0.2 |

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|--|--------------------------|----|---------|----|--------|------------|
| Level 3: | | | | | | |
| | CL&P ⁽¹⁾ | | 17.7 | | (12.0) | 5.7 |
| | Other | | 5.5 | | - | 5.5 |
| Total Current Derivative Assets | \$ | | 23.4 | \$ | (12.0) | \$ 11.4 |
| <u>Long-Term Derivative Assets:</u> | | | | | | |
| Level 3: | | | | | | |
| | CL&P ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 159.7 | \$ | (69.1) | \$ 90.6 |
| Total Long-Term Derivative Assets | \$ | | 159.7 | \$ | (69.1) | \$ 90.6 |
| <u>Current Derivative Liabilities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Level 2: | | | | | | |
| - | Other ^{(1) (2)} | \$ | (19.9) | \$ | 0.6 | \$ (19.3) |
| Level 3: | | | | | | |
| | CL&P | | (96.9) | | - | (96.9) |
| | NSTAR Electric | | (1.0) | | - | (1.0) |
| Total Current Derivative Liabilities | \$ | | (117.8) | \$ | 0.6 | \$ (117.2) |
| <u>Long-Term Derivative Liabilities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Level 2: | | | | | | |
| - | Other | \$ | (0.2) | \$ | - | \$ (0.2) |
| Level 3: | | | | | | |
| | CL&P | | (865.6) | | - | (865.6) |
| | NSTAR Electric | | (13.9) | | - | (13.9) |
| | WMECO | | (3.0) | | - | (3.0) |
| Total Long-Term Derivative Liabilities | \$ | | (882.7) | \$ | - | \$ (882.7) |

(1)

Amounts represent derivative assets and liabilities that NU elected to record net on the balance sheets. These amounts are subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements for which the right of offset exists.

(2)

As of December 31, 2012, NU had \$4.1 million of cash posted related to these contracts, which was not offset against the derivative liability and is recorded as Prepayments and Other Current Assets on the balance sheets.

The business activities that result in the recognition of derivative assets also create exposure to various counterparties. As of December 31, 2013, NU and CL&P's derivative assets were exposed to counterparty credit risk. Of the total derivative assets, \$80 million and \$79 million, respectively, were contracted with investment grade entities.

For further information on the fair value of derivative contracts, see Note 1H, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," and Note 1I, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Derivative Accounting," to the financial statements.

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges

Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management: As required by regulation, CL&P has capacity-related contracts with generation facilities. These contracts and similar UI contracts have an expected capacity of 787 MW. CL&P has a sharing agreement with UI, with 80 percent of each contract allocated to CL&P and 20 percent allocated to UI. The capacity contracts extend through 2026 and obligate both CL&P and UI to make or receive payments on a monthly basis to or from the generation facilities based on the difference between a set capacity price and the forward capacity market price received in the ISO-NE capacity markets. In addition, CL&P has a contract to purchase 0.1 million MWh of energy per year through 2020.

NSTAR Electric has a renewable energy contract to purchase 0.1 million MWh of energy per year through 2018 and a capacity related contract to purchase up to 35 MW per year through 2019.

WMECO has a renewable energy contract to purchase 0.1 million MWh of energy per year through 2029 with a facility that has not yet achieved commercial operation.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU had NYMEX future contracts in order to reduce variability associated with the purchase price of approximately 9.1 million and 11.5 million MMBtu of natural gas, respectively.

As of December 31, 2012, NU had approximately 24 thousand MWh of supply volumes remaining in its unregulated wholesale portfolio when expected sales were compared with supply contracts. These contracts expired on December 31, 2013.

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The following table presents the current change in fair value, primarily recovered through rates from customers, associated with NU's derivative contracts not designated as hedges:

| Location of Amounts Recognized on Derivatives (Millions of Dollars) | Amounts Recognized on Derivatives For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|-----------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| NU | | | |
| <u>Balance Sheet:</u> | | | |
| Regulatory Assets and Liabilities | \$ 160.6 | \$ (29.0) | \$ (162.0) |
| <u>Statement of Income:</u> | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 1.0 | (0.7) | 0.5 |

Credit Risk

Certain of NU's derivative contracts contain credit risk contingent features. These features require NU to maintain investment grade credit ratings from the major rating agencies and to post collateral for contracts in a net liability position over specified credit limits. As of December 31, 2013, there were no derivative contracts in a net liability position that were subject to credit risk contingent features. As of December 31, 2012, NU had \$15.3 million of derivative contracts in a net liability position that were subject to credit risk contingent features and would have been required to post additional collateral of \$17.4 million if NU parent's unsecured debt credit ratings had been downgraded to below investment grade.

Fair Value Measurements of Derivative Instruments

Valuation of Derivative Instruments: Derivative contracts classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy relate to the financial contracts for natural gas futures and forward contracts to purchase energy. Prices are obtained from broker quotes and are based on actual market activity. The contracts are valued using the mid-point of the bid-ask spread. Valuations of these contracts also incorporate discount rates using the yield curve approach.

The fair value of derivative contracts classified as Level 3 utilizes significant unobservable inputs. The fair value is modeled using income techniques, such as discounted cash flow valuations adjusted for assumptions relating to exit price. Significant observable inputs for valuations of these contracts include energy and energy-related product prices in future years for which quoted prices in an active market exist. Fair value measurements categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are prepared by individuals with expertise in valuation techniques, pricing of energy and energy-related products, and accounting requirements. The future power and capacity prices for periods that are not quoted in an active market or established at auction are based on available market data and are escalated based on estimates of inflation to address the full time period of the contract.

Valuations of derivative contracts using a discounted cash flow methodology include assumptions regarding the timing and likelihood of scheduled payments and also reflect non-performance risk, including credit, using the default

probability approach based on the counterparty's credit rating for assets and the Company's credit rating for liabilities. Valuations incorporate estimates of premiums or

discounts that would be required by a market participant to arrive at an exit price, using historical market transactions adjusted for the terms of the contract.

The following is a summary of NU s, including CL&P s, NSTAR Electric s and WMECO s, Level 3 derivative contracts and the range of the significant unobservable inputs utilized in the valuations over the duration of the contracts:

| | As of December 31, 2013 | | As of December 31, 2012 | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | Range | Period Covered | Range | Period Covered |
| <u>Energy Prices:</u> | | | | |
| NU | \$49 - 77 per MWh | 2018-2029 | \$43 - 90 per MWh | 2018 - 2028 |
| CL&P | \$56 - 58 per MWh | 2018-2029 | \$50 - 55 per MWh | 2018 - 2020 |
| WMECO | \$49 - 77 per MWh | 2018-2029 | \$43 - 90 per MWh | 2018 - 2028 |
| <u>Capacity Prices:</u> | | | | |
| NU | \$5.07 - 11.82 per kW-Month | 2017-2029 | \$1.40 - 10.53 per kW-Month | 2016 - 2028 |
| CL&P | \$5.07 - 10.42 per kW-Month | 2017-2026 | \$1.40 - 9.83 per kW-Month | 2016 - 2026 |
| NSTAR Electric | \$5.07 - 7.38 per kW-Month | 2017-2019 | \$1.40 - 3.39 per kW-Month | 2016 - 2019 |
| WMECO | \$5.07 - 11.82 per kW-Month | 2017-2029 | \$1.40 - 10.53 per kW-Month | 2016 - 2028 |
| <u>Forward Reserve:</u> | | | | |
| NU, CL&P | \$3.30 per kW-Month | 2014-2024 | \$0.35 - 0.90 per kW-Month | 2013 - 2024 |
| <u>REC Prices:</u> | | | | |
| NU | \$36 - 87 per REC | 2014-2029 | \$25 - 85 per REC | 2013 - 2028 |
| NSTAR Electric | \$36 - 70 per REC | 2014-2018 | \$25 - 71 per REC | 2013 - 2018 |
| WMECO | \$36 - 87 per REC | 2014-2029 | \$25 - 85 per REC | 2013 - 2028 |

Exit price premiums of 10 percent through 32 percent are also applied on these contracts and reflect the most recent market activity available for similar type contracts.

Significant increases or decreases in future energy or capacity prices in isolation would decrease or increase, respectively, the fair value of the derivative liability. Any increases in the risk premiums would increase the fair value of the derivative liabilities. Changes in these fair values are recorded as a regulatory asset or liability and would not impact net income.

Valuations using significant unobservable inputs: The following tables present changes for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 in the Level 3 category of derivative assets and derivative liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The derivative assets and liabilities are presented on a net basis. The fair value in 2012 reflects a transfer of remaining unregulated wholesale marketing sourcing contracts that had previously been presented as a portfolio along with the unregulated wholesale marketing sales contract as Level 3 under the highest and best use valuation premise. These contracts, which expired on December 31, 2013, were classified within Level 2 of the fair

value hierarchy as of December 31, 2012.

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU ⁽¹⁾ | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | WMECO |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Derivatives, Net:</u> | | | | |
| Fair Value as of January 1, 2012 | \$ (962.2) | \$ (931.6) | \$ (3.4) | \$ (7.3) |
| Liabilities Assumed due to Merger with NSTAR | (5.4) | - | - | - |
| Transfer to Level 2 | 32.2 | - | - | - |
| Net Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Included in: | | | | |
| Net Income ⁽²⁾ | 10.9 | - | - | - |
| Regulatory Assets and Liabilities | (29.2) | (21.6) | (15.2) | 4.3 |
| Settlements | 75.1 | 87.0 | 3.7 | - |
| Fair Value as of December 31, 2012 | \$ (878.6) | \$ (866.2) | \$ (14.9) | \$ (3.0) |
| Net Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Included in: | | | | |
| Net Income ⁽²⁾ | 10.9 | - | - | - |
| Regulatory Assets and Liabilities | 158.3 | 148.9 | 3.5 | 5.7 |
| Settlements | 74.2 | 86.7 | 4.1 | - |
| Fair Value as of December 31, 2013 | \$ (635.2) | \$ (630.6) | \$ (7.3) | \$ 2.7 |

(1)

NSTAR Electric amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

(2)

The Net Income impact for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 related to the unregulated wholesale marketing sales contract that was offset by the gains/(losses) on the unregulated sourcing contracts classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, resulting in a total net gain of \$1 million and net loss of \$0.7 million, respectively.

6.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

NU maintains a supplemental benefit trust to fund certain non-qualified executive retirement benefit obligations and WMECO maintains a spent nuclear fuel trust to fund WMECO's prior period spent nuclear fuel liability, each of which hold marketable securities. These trusts are not subject to regulatory oversight by state or federal agencies. In addition, CYAPC and YAEC maintain legally restricted trusts, each of which holds marketable securities, for settling the decommissioning obligations of their nuclear power plants.

The Company elects to record mutual funds purchased by the NU supplemental benefit trust at fair value. As such, any change in fair value of these mutual funds is reflected in Net Income. These mutual funds, classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy, totaled \$57.2 million and \$47 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and were included in Prepayments and Other Current Assets on the accompanying balance sheets. Net gains on these securities of \$10.2 million and \$5.9 million and net losses of \$1.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively, were recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. Dividend income is recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income when dividends are declared. All other marketable securities are accounted for as available-for-sale.

Available-for-Sale Securities: The following is a summary of NU's available-for-sale securities held in the NU supplemental benefit trust, WMECO's spent nuclear fuel trust and CYAPC's and YAEC's nuclear decommissioning trusts. These securities are recorded at fair value and included in current and long-term Marketable Securities on the balance sheets.

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, 2013 | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains⁽¹⁾ | Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses⁽¹⁾ | Fair Value |
| NU | | | | |
| Debt Securities ⁽²⁾ | \$ 299.2 | \$ 2.5 | \$ (2.1) | \$ 299.6 |
| Equity Securities ⁽²⁾ | 163.6 | 60.5 | - | 224.1 |
| WMECO | | | | |
| Debt Securities | 57.9 | - | - | 57.9 |

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, 2012 | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains⁽¹⁾ | Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses⁽¹⁾ | Fair Value |
| NU | | | | |
| Debt Securities ⁽²⁾ | \$ 266.6 | \$ 13.3 | \$ (0.1) | \$ 279.8 |
| Equity Securities ⁽²⁾ | 145.5 | 20.0 | - | 165.5 |
| WMECO | | | | |
| Debt Securities | 57.7 | 0.1 | (0.1) | 57.7 |

(1)

Unrealized gains and losses on debt securities for the NU supplemental benefit trust and WMECO spent nuclear fuel trust are recorded in AOCI and Other Long-Term Assets, respectively, on the balance sheets.

(2)

NU's amounts include CYAPC's and YAEC's marketable securities held in nuclear decommissioning trusts of \$424 million and \$340.4 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, the majority of which are legally restricted and can only be used for the decommissioning of the nuclear power plants owned by these companies. In the first quarter of 2013, CYAPC and YAEC received cash from the DOE related to the litigation of storage costs for spent nuclear fuel, which was invested in the nuclear decommissioning trusts. Unrealized gains and losses for the nuclear decommissioning trusts are offset in Other Long-Term Liabilities on the balance sheets, with no impact on the statement of income. All of the equity securities accounted for as available-for-sale securities are held in these trusts.

Unrealized Losses and Other-than-Temporary Impairment: There have been no significant unrealized losses, other-than-temporary impairments or credit losses for the NU supplemental benefit trust, the WMECO spent nuclear fuel trust, and the trusts held by CYAPC and YAEC. Factors considered in determining whether a credit loss exists include the duration and severity of the impairment, adverse conditions specifically affecting the issuer, and the payment history, ratings and rating changes of the security. For asset-backed debt securities, underlying collateral and expected future cash flows are also evaluated.

Realized Gains and Losses: Realized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are recorded in Other Income, Net for the NU supplemental benefit trust, Other Long-Term Assets for the WMECO spent nuclear fuel trust, and offset in Other Long-Term Liabilities for CYAPC and YAEC. NU utilizes the specific identification basis method for the NU supplemental benefit trust securities and the average cost basis method for the WMECO spent nuclear fuel trust and the CYAPC and YAEC nuclear decommissioning trusts to compute the realized gains and losses on the sale of available-for-sale securities.

Contractual Maturities: As of December 31, 2013, the contractual maturities of available-for-sale debt securities are as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU | | WMECO | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| Less than one year ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 72.4 | \$ 72.3 | \$ 26.5 | \$ 26.6 |
| One to five years | 62.1 | 62.7 | 25.6 | 25.5 |
| Six to ten years | 59.4 | 59.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Greater than ten years | 105.3 | 105.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Total Debt Securities | \$ 299.2 | \$ 299.6 | \$ 57.9 | \$ 57.9 |

(1)

Amounts in the Less than one year NU category include securities in the CYAPC and YAEC nuclear decommissioning trusts, which are restricted and are classified in long-term Marketable Securities on the balance sheets.

Fair Value Measurements: The following table presents the marketable securities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis by the level in which they are classified within the fair value hierarchy:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU | | WMECO | |
|--|--------------------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| | As of December 31, | | As of December 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Level 1: | | | | |
| Mutual Funds and Equities | \$ 281.3 | \$ 212.5 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Money Market Funds | 32.9 | 40.2 | 10.9 | 5.2 |
| Total Level 1 | \$ 314.2 | \$ 252.7 | \$ 10.9 | \$ 5.2 |
| Level 2: | | | | |
| U.S. Government Issued Debt Securities | | | | |
| (Agency and Treasury) | \$ 61.4 | \$ 69.9 | \$ 6.8 | \$ 18.7 |
| Corporate Debt Securities | 53.6 | 33.0 | 15.1 | 7.0 |
| Asset-Backed Debt Securities | 30.4 | 28.5 | 9.0 | 10.9 |
| Municipal Bonds | 105.5 | 93.8 | 11.2 | 11.6 |
| Other Fixed Income Securities | 15.8 | 14.4 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Total Level 2 | \$ 266.7 | \$ 239.6 | \$ 47.0 | \$ 52.5 |
| Total Marketable Securities | \$ 580.9 | \$ 492.3 | \$ 57.9 | \$ 57.7 |

U.S. government issued debt securities are valued using market approaches that incorporate transactions for the same or similar bonds and adjustments for yields and maturity dates. Corporate debt securities are valued using a market approach, utilizing recent trades of the same or similar instrument and also incorporating yield curves, credit spreads and specific bond terms and conditions. Asset-backed debt securities include collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage backed securities, and securities collateralized by auto loans, credit card loans or receivables. Asset-backed debt securities are valued using recent trades of similar instruments, prepayment assumptions, yield curves, issuance and maturity dates and tranche information. Municipal bonds are valued using a market approach that incorporates reported trades and benchmark yields. Other fixed income securities are valued using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, and discounted cash flows.

7.

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

In accordance with accounting guidance for conditional AROs, NU, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, recognizes a liability for the fair value of an ARO on the obligation date if the liability's fair value can be reasonably estimated and is conditional on a future event. Settlement dates and future costs are reasonably estimated when sufficient information becomes available. Management has identified various categories of AROs, primarily certain assets containing asbestos and hazardous contamination and has performed fair value calculations, reflecting expected probabilities for settlement scenarios.

The fair value of an ARO is recorded as a liability in Other Long-Term Liabilities with a corresponding amount included in Property, Plant and Equipment, Net on the balance sheets. As the Regulated companies are rate-regulated on a cost-of-service basis, these companies apply regulatory accounting guidance and the costs associated with the Regulated companies' AROs are included in Regulatory Assets. The ARO assets are depreciated, and the ARO liabilities are accreted over the estimated life of the obligation with corresponding credits recorded as accumulated depreciation and ARO liabilities, respectively. Both the depreciation and accretion were recorded as increases to Regulatory Assets on the balance sheets. For further information, see Note 3, "Regulatory Accounting," to the financial statements.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending carrying amounts of ARO liabilities are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Balance as of Beginning of Year | \$ 412.2 | \$ 56.2 |
| Liability Assumed Upon Consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC | - | 284.2 |
| Liability Assumed Upon Merger With NSTAR | - | 35.9 |
| Liabilities Incurred During the Year | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Liabilities Settled During the Year | (13.8) | (7.2) |
| Accretion | 23.8 | 20.2 |
| Revisions in Estimated Cash Flows | 2.6 | 21.4 |
| Balance as of End of Year | \$ 424.9 | \$ 412.2 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Balance as of Beginning of Year | \$ 33.6 | \$ 31.4 | \$ 18.4 | \$ 4.3 | \$ 32.2 | \$ 27.5 | \$ 17.0 | \$ 4.0 |
| Liabilities Incurred During the Year | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 | - |
| Liabilities Settled During the Year | (0.7) | (0.1) | - | - | (0.9) | (1.0) | - | - |
| Accretion | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 |
| Revisions in Estimated Cash Flows | (0.1) | - | (0.1) | (0.1) | 0.3 | 3.4 | - | - |
| Balance as of End of Year | \$ 35.0 | \$ 32.8 | \$ 19.5 | \$ 4.5 | \$ 33.6 | \$ 31.4 | \$ 18.4 | \$ 4.3 |

The Liability Assumed Upon Consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC represents the CYAPC and YAEC ARO fair value as of the merger date. The fair value of the ARO for CYAPC and YAEC includes uncertainties of the fuel off-load dates related to the DOE's timing of performance regarding its obligation to dispose of the spent nuclear fuel and high level waste. The incremental asset recorded as an offset to the ARO was fully depreciated since the plants have no remaining useful life. Any changes in the assumptions used to calculate the fair value of the ARO are recorded as an offset to the related regulatory asset. The assets held in the decommissioning trust are restricted for settling the asset retirement obligation and all other decommissioning obligations. For further information on the assets held in trust to support this obligation, see Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

8.

SHORT-TERM DEBT

Limits: The amount of short-term borrowings that may be incurred by CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO is subject to periodic approval by the FERC. On July 31, 2013, the FERC granted authorization to allow CL&P and WMECO to incur total short-term borrowings up to a maximum of \$600 million and \$300 million, respectively, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. On May 16, 2012, the FERC granted authorization to allow NSTAR Electric to issue total short-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$655 million outstanding at any one time, effective October 23, 2012 through October 23, 2014. As a result of the NHPUC having jurisdiction over PSNH's short-term debt, PSNH is not currently required to obtain FERC approval for its short-term borrowings.

PSNH is authorized by regulation of the NHPUC to incur short-term borrowings up to 10 percent of net fixed plant plus an additional \$60 million until further ordered by the NHPUC. As of December 31, 2013, PSNH's short-term debt authorization under the 10 percent of net fixed plant test plus \$60 million totaled approximately \$293 million.

CL&P's certificate of incorporation contains preferred stock provisions restricting the amount of unsecured debt that CL&P may incur, including limiting unsecured indebtedness with a maturity of less than 10 years to 10 percent of total capitalization. In November 2003, CL&P obtained from its preferred stockholders a waiver of such 10 percent limit for a ten-year period expiring in March 2014, provided that all unsecured indebtedness does not exceed 20 percent of total capitalization. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P had \$776.9 million of unsecured debt capacity available under this authorization.

Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas are not required to obtain approval from any state or federal authority to incur short-term debt.

Credit Agreements and Commercial Paper Programs: NU parent, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas are parties to a five-year revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility is to be used primarily to backstop the commercial paper program at NU, which commenced July 25, 2012. The commercial paper program allows NU

parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. On September 6, 2013, the \$1.15 billion revolving credit facility dated July 25, 2012 was amended to increase the aggregate principal amount available thereunder by \$300 million to \$1.45 billion, to extend the expiration date from July 25, 2017 to September 6, 2018, and to increase CL&P's borrowing sublimit from \$300 million to \$600 million. PSNH and WMECO each have borrowing sublimits of \$300 million. On September 6, 2013, NU parent's \$1.15 billion commercial paper program was increased by \$300 million to \$1.45 billion.

NSTAR Electric has a five-year \$450 million revolving credit facility. This facility serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's existing \$450 million commercial paper program. On September 6, 2013, NSTAR Electric amended its revolving credit facility dated July 25, 2012 to extend the expiration date from July 25, 2017 to September 6, 2018.

On September 6, 2013, the CL&P five-year \$300 million revolving credit facility was terminated. As of December 31, 2012, CL&P had \$89 million in borrowings outstanding under this credit agreement with a weighted average interest rate of 3.325 percent.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU had approximately \$1.01 billion and \$1.15 billion, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under the commercial paper program, leaving \$435.5 million of available borrowing capacity as of December 31, 2013. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 was 0.24 percent and 0.46 percent, respectively, which is generally based on money market rates. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NSTAR Electric had \$103.5 million and \$276 million, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$346.5 million and \$174 million of available borrowing capacity as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 was 0.13 percent and 0.31 percent, respectively, which is generally based on money market rates.

Amounts outstanding under the commercial paper programs for NU and NSTAR Electric are generally included in Notes Payable and classified in current liabilities on the balance sheets as all borrowings are outstanding for no more than 364 days at one time. On January 2, 2014, Yankee Gas issued \$100 million of Series L First Mortgage Bonds. A portion of the proceeds was used to pay short-term borrowings outstanding under the NU commercial paper program. As a result and in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, \$25 million of the NU commercial paper program borrowings have been classified as Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, there were intercompany loans from NU of \$287.3 million and \$405.1 million to CL&P, \$86.5 million and \$63.3 million to PSNH, and zero and \$31.9 million to WMECO, respectively.

Intercompany loans from NU to CL&P, PSNH and WMECO are included in Notes Payable to Affiliated Companies and generally classified in current liabilities on the CL&P, PSNH and WMECO balance sheets. On January 15, 2013, CL&P issued \$400 million of Series A First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings outstanding under the CL&P credit agreement of \$89 million.

and the NU commercial paper program of \$305.8 million. As a result and in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, these amounts were classified as Long-Term Debt on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2012.

Intercompany loans from NU to CL&P, PSNH and WMECO are eliminated in consolidation in NU's balance sheets.

Under the credit facilities, NU and its subsidiaries must comply with certain financial and non-financial covenants, including a consolidated debt to total capitalization ratio. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU and its subsidiaries were in compliance with these covenants. If NU or its subsidiaries were not in compliance with these covenants, an event of default would occur requiring all outstanding borrowings by such borrower to be repaid and additional borrowings by such borrower would not be permitted under its respective credit facility.

Working Capital: Each of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO use its available capital resources to fund its respective construction expenditures, meet debt requirements, pay operating costs, including storm-related costs, pay dividends and fund other corporate obligations, such as pension contributions. The current growth in NU's transmission construction expenditures utilizes a significant amount of cash for projects that have a long-term return on investment and recovery period. In addition, NU's Regulated companies recover its electric and natural gas distribution construction expenditures as the related project costs are depreciated over the life of the assets. This impacts the timing of the revenue stream designed to fully recover the total investment plus a return on the equity portion of the cost and related financing costs. These factors have resulted in current liabilities exceeding current assets by approximately \$1.2 billion, \$398 million and \$339 million at NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric, respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013, \$501.7 million of NU's obligations classified as current liabilities relates to long-term debt that will be paid in the next 12 months, consisting of \$150 million for CL&P, \$301.7 million for NSTAR Electric and \$50 million for PSNH. In addition, \$31.7 million relates to the amortization of the purchase accounting fair value adjustment that will be amortized in the next twelve months. NU, with its strong credit ratings, has several options available in the financial markets to repay or refinance these maturities with the issuance of new long-term debt. NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will reduce their short-term borrowings with cash received from operating cash flows or with the issuance of new long-term debt, determined considering capital requirements and maintenance of NU's credit rating and profile. Management expects the future operating cash flows of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, along with the access to financial markets, will be sufficient to meet any future operating requirements and capital investment forecasted opportunities.

9.

LONG-TERM DEBT

Details of long-term debt outstanding are as follows:

| CL&P <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| First Mortgage Bonds: | | |
| 7.875% 1994 Series D due 2024 | \$ 139.8 | \$ 139.8 |
| 4.800% 2004 Series A due 2014 | 150.0 | 150.0 |
| 5.750% 2004 Series B due 2034 | 130.0 | 130.0 |
| 5.000% 2005 Series A due 2015 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5.625% 2005 Series B due 2035 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 6.350% 2006 Series A due 2036 | 250.0 | 250.0 |
| 5.375% 2007 Series A due 2017 | 150.0 | 150.0 |
| 5.750% 2007 Series B due 2037 | 150.0 | 150.0 |
| 5.750% 2007 Series C due 2017 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 6.375% 2007 Series D due 2037 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5.650% 2008 Series A due 2018 | 300.0 | 300.0 |
| 5.500% 2009 Series A due 2019 | 250.0 | 250.0 |
| 2.500% 2013 Series A due 2023 ⁽¹⁾ | 400.0 | - |
| Total First Mortgage Bonds | 2,319.8 | 1,919.8 |
| Pollution Control Notes: | | |
| 4.375% Fixed Rate Tax Exempt due 2028 | 120.5 | 120.5 |
| 1.25% Fixed Rate Tax Exempt due 2028 ⁽²⁾ | - | 125.0 |
| 1.55% Fixed Rate Tax Exempt due 2031 ⁽²⁾ | 62.0 | 62.0 |
| Total Pollution Control Notes | 182.5 | 307.5 |
| Total First Mortgage Bonds and Pollution Control Notes | 2,502.3 | 2,227.3 |
| Fees and Interest due for Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Costs | 244.4 | 244.3 |
| CL&P Commercial Paper and Revolver Borrowings ⁽¹⁾ | - | 394.8 |
| Less Amounts due Within One Year | (150.0) | (125.0) |
| Unamortized Premiums and Discounts, Net | (5.5) | (3.6) |
| CL&P Long-Term Debt | \$ 2,591.2 | \$ 2,737.8 |

| NSTAR Electric <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | As of December 31, | |
|---|----|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | 2013 | 2012 |
| Debtures: | | | |
| 4.875% due 2014 | \$ | 300.0 | \$ 300.0 |
| 5.75% due 2036 | | 200.0 | 200.0 |
| 5.625% due 2017 | | 400.0 | 400.0 |
| 5.50% due 2040 | | 300.0 | 300.0 |
| 2.375% due 2022 | | 400.0 | 400.0 |
| Variable Rate due 2016 ⁽³⁾ | | 200.0 | - |
| Total Debtures | | 1,800.0 | 1,600.0 |
| Bonds: | | | |
| 7.375% Tax Exempt Sewage Facility Revenue Bonds, due 2015 | | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| Less Amounts due Within One Year | | (301.7) | (1.7) |
| Unamortized Premiums and Discounts, Net | | (5.3) | (5.4) |
| NSTAR Electric Long-Term Debt | \$ | 1,499.4 | \$ 1,600.9 |

| PSNH <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | As of December 31, | |
|---|----|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | 2013 | 2012 |
| First Mortgage Bonds: | | | |
| 5.25% 2004 Series L due 2014 | \$ | 50.0 | \$ 50.0 |
| 5.60% 2005 Series M due 2035 | | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| 6.15% 2007 Series N due 2017 | | 70.0 | 70.0 |
| 6.00% 2008 Series O due 2018 | | 110.0 | 110.0 |
| 4.50% 2009 Series P due 2019 | | 150.0 | 150.0 |
| 4.05% 2011 Series Q due 2021 | | 122.0 | 122.0 |
| 3.20% 2011 Series R due 2021 | | 160.0 | 160.0 |
| 3.50% 2013 Series S due 2023 ⁽⁴⁾ | | 250.0 | - |
| Total First Mortgage Bonds | | 962.0 | 712.0 |
| Pollution Control Revenue Bonds: | | | |
| 4.75% - 5.45% Tax Exempt Series B and C due 2021 ⁽⁴⁾ | | - | 198.2 |
| Adjustable Rate Series A due 2021 | | 89.3 | 89.3 |
| Total Pollution Control Revenue Bonds | | 89.3 | 287.5 |
| Less Amounts due Within One Year | | (50.0) | - |
| Unamortized Premiums and Discounts, Net | | (2.3) | (1.6) |
| PSNH Long-Term Debt | \$ | 999.0 | \$ 997.9 |

| WMECO <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | As of December 31, | |
|--|----|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | 2013 | 2012 |
| Other Notes: | | | |
| 5.00% Senior Notes Series A, due 2013 ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ | - | \$ 55.0 |
| 5.90% Senior Notes Series B, due 2034 | | 50.0 | 50.0 |

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|---|----------|----------|
| 5.24% Senior Notes Series C, due 2015 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| 6.70% Senior Notes Series D, due 2037 | 40.0 | 40.0 |
| 5.10% Senior Notes Series E, due 2020 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| 3.50% Senior Notes Series F, due 2021 | 250.0 | 250.0 |
| 3.88% Senior Notes Series G, due 2023 ⁽⁵⁾ | 80.0 | - |
| Total Other Notes | 565.0 | 540.0 |
| Fees and Interest due for Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Costs | 57.3 | 57.3 |
| Less Amounts due Within One Year ⁽⁵⁾ | - | (55.0) |
| Unamortized Premiums and Discounts, Net | 7.1 | 8.0 |
| WMECO Long-Term Debt | \$ 629.4 | \$ 550.3 |

| OTHER <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Yankee Gas - First Mortgage Bonds: | | |
| 8.48% Series B due 2022 | \$ 20.0 | \$ 20.0 |
| 4.80% Series G due 2014 ⁽⁶⁾ | 75.0 | 75.0 |
| 5.26% Series H due 2019 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| 5.35% Series I due 2035 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| 6.90% Series J due 2018 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 4.87% Series K due 2020 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| Total First Mortgage Bonds | 345.0 | 345.0 |
| Unamortized Premium | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Yankee Gas Long-Term Debt | 345.7 | 345.8 |
| NSTAR Gas - First Mortgage Bonds: | | |
| 9.95% Series J due 2020 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 7.11% Series K due 2033 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| 7.04% Series M due 2017 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 4.46% Series N due 2020 | 125.0 | 125.0 |
| NSTAR Gas Long-Term Debt | 210.0 | 210.0 |
| Other - Notes and Debentures: | | |
| 5.65% Senior Notes Series C due 2013 (NU Parent) ⁽⁷⁾ | - | 250.0 |
| Variable Rate Senior Notes Series D due 2013 (NU Parent) ⁽⁷⁾ | - | 300.0 |
| 1.45% Senior Notes Series E due 2018 (NU Parent) ⁽⁷⁾ | 300.0 | - |
| 2.80% Senior Notes Series F due 2023 (NU Parent) ⁽⁷⁾ | 450.0 | - |
| 4.50% Debentures due 2019 (NU Parent) | 350.0 | 350.0 |
| NU Commercial Paper Borrowings ⁽⁶⁾ | 25.0 | - |
| Spent Nuclear Fuel Obligation (CYAPC) | 179.4 | 179.3 |
| Total Other Long-Term Debt | 1,304.4 | 1,079.3 |
| Fair Value Adjustment ⁽⁸⁾ | 230.7 | 259.9 |
| Less Amounts due Within One Year | - | (550.0) |
| Less Fair Value Adjustment - Current Portion ⁽⁸⁾ | (31.7) | (31.7) |
| Unamortized Premiums and Discounts, Net | (1.3) | - |
| Total NU Long-Term Debt | \$ 7,776.8 | \$ 7,200.2 |

(1)

On January 15, 2013, CL&P issued \$400 million of 2.50 percent Series A First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds with a maturity date of January 15, 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings outstanding under the CL&P credit agreement of \$89 million and the NU commercial paper program of \$305.8 million. As a result and in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, these amounts were classified as Long-Term Debt on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2012.

(2)

In April 2012, CL&P remarketed \$62 million of tax-exempt PCRBs for a three-year period. The PCRBs, which mature on May 1, 2031, carry a coupon rate of 1.55 percent during the current three-year fixed rate period and are subject to mandatory tender for purchase on April 1, 2015. On September 3, 2013, CL&P redeemed at par \$125 million of 1.25 percent Series B 2011 PCRBs, which were subject to mandatory tender for purchase, using short-term debt.

(3)

On May 17, 2013, NSTAR Electric issued \$200 million of three-year floating rate debentures due in May 2016. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay commercial paper borrowings and for general corporate purposes. The debentures have a coupon rate reset quarterly based on 3-month LIBOR plus a credit spread of 0.24 percent. The interest rate as of December 31, 2013 was 0.478 percent.

(4)

On May 1, 2013, PSNH redeemed at par approximately \$109 million of the 2001 Series C PCRBs that were due to mature in 2021 using short-term debt. On November 14, 2013, PSNH issued \$250 million of 3.50 percent Series S First Mortgage Bonds due in 2023. On December 23, 2013, PSNH redeemed approximately \$89 million of the Series B PCRBs that were due to mature in 2021. The proceeds of the Series S issuance were used to repay the short term debt used to redeem the \$109 million 2001 Series C PCRBs and to redeem the \$89 million Series B PCRBs and pay the associated call premium. The remaining proceeds of the offering were used to refinance short-term debt.

(5)

On September 1, 2013, WMECO repaid at maturity the \$55 million Series A Senior Notes using short-term debt. On November 15, 2013, WMECO issued \$80 million of 3.88 percent Series G Senior Notes due in 2023. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to pay short-term borrowings and for other working capital purposes.

(6)

On January 2, 2014, Yankee Gas issued \$100 million of 4.82 percent Series L First Mortgage Bonds due to mature in 2044. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay the Series G \$75 million First Mortgage Bonds that matured on January 1, 2014 and to pay \$25 million in short-term borrowings. As a result and in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, these amounts were classified as Long-Term Debt on NU's balance sheet as of December 31, 2013.

(7)

On May 13, 2013, NU parent issued \$750 million of Senior Notes, consisting of \$300 million of 1.45 percent Series E Senior Notes due to mature in 2018 and \$450 million of 2.80 percent Series F Senior Notes due to mature in 2023.

The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay the NU parent \$250 million Series C Senior Notes at a coupon rate of 5.65 percent that matured on June 1, 2013 and the NU parent \$300 million floating rate Series D Senior Notes that matured on

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September 20, 2013. The remaining net proceeds were used to repay commercial paper program borrowings and for working capital purposes.

(8)

Amount relates to the purchase price adjustment required to record the NSTAR long-term debt at fair value on the date of the merger.

Long-term debt maturities, mandatory tender payments and cash sinking fund requirements on debt outstanding for the years 2014 through 2018 and thereafter are shown below. These amounts exclude fees and interest due for spent nuclear fuel disposal costs, net unamortized premiums and discounts, and other fair value adjustments as of December 31, 2013:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | NU | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
|------------------------------|----|---------|------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| 2014 | \$ | 576.7 | \$ 150.0 | \$ 301.7 | \$ 50.0 | \$ - |
| 2015 | | 216.7 | 162.0 | 4.7 | - | 50.0 |
| 2016 | | 200.0 | - | 200.0 | - | - |
| 2017 | | 745.0 | 250.0 | 400.0 | 70.0 | - |
| 2018 | | 810.0 | 300.0 | - | 110.0 | - |
| Thereafter | | 5,031.6 | 1,640.3 | 900.0 | 821.3 | 515.0 |
| Total | \$ | 7,580.0 | \$ 2,502.3 | \$ 1,806.4 | \$ 1,051.3 | \$ 565.0 |

The utility plant of CL&P, PSNH, Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas is subject to the lien of each company's respective first mortgage bond indenture. The NSTAR Electric, WMECO and NU parent debt is unsecured.

CL&P's obligation to repay each series of PCRBs is secured by first mortgage bonds. Each such series of first mortgage bonds contains similar terms and provisions as the applicable series of PCRBs. If CL&P fails to meet its obligations under the first mortgage bonds, then the holder of the first mortgage bonds (the issuer of the PCRBs) would have rights under the first mortgage bonds. CL&P's \$62 million tax-exempt PCRBs, which is subject to mandatory tender for purchase on April 1, 2015, cannot be redeemed prior to its tender date. CL&P's \$120.5 million tax-exempt PCRBs will be subject to redemption at par on or after September 1, 2021. All other long-term debt securities are subject to make-whole provisions.

PSNH's obligation to repay the PCRBs is secured by first mortgage bonds and bond insurance. The first mortgage bonds contain similar terms and provisions as the PCRBs. If PSNH fails to meet its obligations under the first mortgage bonds, then the holder of the first mortgage bonds (the issuer of the PCRBs) would have rights under the first mortgage bonds. The PSNH Series A tax-exempt PCRBs are currently callable at 100 percent of par. The PCRBs bear interest at a rate that is periodically set pursuant to auctions. PSNH is not obligated to purchase these PCRBs, which mature in 2021, from the remarketing agent. The interest rate as of December 31, 2013 was 0.088

percent.

The long-term debt agreements provide that NU and certain of its subsidiaries must comply with certain covenants as are customarily included in such agreements, including a minimum equity requirement for NSTAR Gas. Under the minimum equity requirement, the outstanding long-term debt of NSTAR Gas must not exceed equity.

Yankee Gas has certain long-term debt agreements that contain cross-default provisions applicable to all of Yankee Gas outstanding first mortgage bond series. The cross-default provisions on Yankee Gas Series B Bonds would be triggered if Yankee Gas were to default on a payment due on indebtedness in excess of \$2 million. The cross-default provisions on all other series of Yankee Gas first mortgage bonds would be triggered if Yankee Gas were to default in a payment due on indebtedness in excess of \$10 million. No other debt issuances contain cross-default provisions as of December 31, 2013.

Spent Nuclear Fuel Obligation: Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, CL&P and WMECO must pay the DOE for the costs of disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste for the period prior to the sale of their ownership shares in the Millstone nuclear power stations.

The DOE is responsible for the selection and development of repositories for, and the disposal of, spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. For nuclear fuel used to generate electricity prior to April 7, 1983 (Prior Period Spent Nuclear Fuel) for CL&P and WMECO, an accrual has been recorded for the full liability, and payment must be made by CL&P and WMECO to the DOE prior to the first delivery of spent fuel to the DOE. After the sale of Millstone, CL&P and WMECO remained responsible for their share of the disposal costs associated with the Prior Period Spent Nuclear Fuel. Until such payment to the DOE is made, the outstanding liability will continue to accrue interest at the 3-month Treasury bill yield rate. In addition, as a result of consolidating CYAPC, NU has consolidated \$179.4 million in additional spent nuclear fuel obligations, including interest, as of December 31, 2013. Fees due to the DOE for the disposal of CL&P's and WMECO's Prior Period Spent Nuclear Fuel and CYAPC's spent nuclear fuel obligation include accumulated interest costs of \$350.3 million and \$350 million (\$177.9 million and \$177.8 million for CL&P and \$41.7 million and \$41.7 million for WMECO) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

WMECO and CYAPC maintain trusts to fund amounts due to the DOE for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel. For further information on these trusts, see Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

10.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A.

Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions

NUSCO sponsors a defined benefit retirement plan that covers most employees, including CL&P, PSNH, and WMECO employees, hired before 2006 (or as negotiated, for bargaining unit employees), referred to as the NUSCO Pension Plan. NSTAR Electric acts as plan sponsor for a defined benefit retirement plan that covers most employees of NSTAR Electric and certain affiliates, hired before October 1, 2012, or as negotiated by bargaining unit employees, referred to as the NSTAR Pension Plan. Both plans are subject to the provisions of ERISA, as amended by the PPA of 2006. NUSCO also maintains non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans (herein collectively referred to as the SERP Plans), which provide benefits in excess of Internal Revenue Code limitations to eligible current and retired participants.

NUSCO also sponsors defined benefit postretirement plans that provide certain retiree health care benefits, primarily medical and dental, and life insurance benefits to retiring employees that meet certain age and service eligibility requirements (NUSCO PBOP Plans and NSTAR PBOP Plan). Under certain circumstances, eligible retirees are required to contribute to the costs of postretirement benefits. The benefits provided under the NUSCO and NSTAR PBOP Plans are not vested and the Company has the right to modify any benefit provision subject to applicable laws at that time.

The funded status of the Pension, SERP and PBOP Plans is calculated based on the difference between the benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets and is recorded on the balance sheets as an asset or a liability. Because the Regulated companies recover the retiree benefit costs from customers through rates, regulatory assets are recorded in lieu of an adjustment to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss). Regulatory accounting was also applied to the portions of the NUSCO costs that support the Regulated companies, as these costs are also recovered from customers. Adjustments to the Pension and PBOP funded status for the unregulated companies are recorded on an after-tax basis to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss). For further information, see Note 3, "Regulatory Accounting," and Note 15, "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)," to the financial statements. The SERP Plans do not have plan assets.

For the NUSCO Pension and PBOP Plans, the expected return on plan assets is calculated by applying the assumed rate of return to a four-year rolling average of plan asset fair values, which reduces year-to-year volatility. This calculation recognizes investment gains or losses over a four-year period from the years in which they occur. Investment gains or losses for this purpose are the difference between the calculated expected return and the actual return. As investment gains and losses are reflected in the average plan asset fair values, they are subject to amortization with other unrecognized actuarial gains or losses. For the NSTAR Pension and PBOP Plans, the entire difference between the actual return and calculated expected return on plan assets is reflected as a component of unrecognized actuarial gain or loss. Unrecognized actuarial gains or losses are amortized as a component of Pension and PBOP expense over the estimated average future employee service period.

Pension and SERP Plans: The funded status of each of the plans is recorded on the respective acting sponsor's balance sheet: NUSCO (NUSCO Pension, NUSCO SERP and NSTAR SERP) and NSTAR Electric (NSTAR Pension). The NUSCO plans are accounted for under the multiple-employer approach while the NSTAR plans are accounted for under the multi-employer approach. Accordingly, the balance sheet of NSTAR Electric reflects the full funded status of the NSTAR Pension Plan.

The following tables provide information on the Pension and SERP Plan benefit obligations, fair values of Pension Plan assets, and funded status:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | Pension and SERP As of December 31, | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | |
| Benefit Obligation as of Beginning of Year | \$ (5,022.8) | \$ (3,098.9) |
| Liabilities Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | - | (1,409.7) |
| Service Cost | (102.3) | (84.3) |
| Interest Cost | (206.7) | (198.3) |
| Actuarial Gain/(Loss) | 433.6 | (429.7) |
| Benefits Paid Pension | 216.6 | 187.7 |
| Benefits Paid SERP | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| SERP Curtailment | - | 6.2 |
| Benefit Obligation as of End of Year | \$ (4,676.5) | \$ (5,022.8) |
| Change in Pension Plan Assets | | |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of Beginning of Year | \$ 3,411.3 | \$ 2,005.9 |
| Assets Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | - | 984.7 |
| Employer Contributions | 284.7 | 222.4 |
| Actual Return on Plan Assets | 506.5 | 386.0 |
| Benefits Paid | (216.6) | (187.7) |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of End of Year | \$ 3,985.9 | \$ 3,411.3 |
| Funded Status as of December 31 st | \$ (690.6) | \$ (1,611.5) |

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Pension and SERP | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | As of December 31, 2013 | | | | As of December 31, 2012 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | | | NSTAR | | | |
| | CL&P | Electric ⁽²⁾ | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric ⁽²⁾ | PSNH | WMECO |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Obligation as of Beginning of Year | \$ (1,178.0) | \$ (1,430.0) | \$ (576.0) | \$ (243.1) | \$ (1,043.8) | \$ (1,346.2) | \$ (497.9) | \$ (215.8) |
| Service Cost | (24.9) | (33.1) | (13.1) | (4.7) | (21.8) | (30.3) | (11.8) | (4.1) |
| Interest Cost | (48.3) | (58.0) | (23.6) | (10.0) | (51.2) | (58.9) | (24.4) | (10.5) |
| Actuarial Gain/(Loss) | 110.7 | 96.6 | 62.4 | 22.4 | (117.4) | (63.6) | (61.3) | (24.0) |
| Benefits Paid - Pension | 56.6 | 71.2 | 21.1 | 11.5 | 55.9 | 69.0 | 19.7 | 11.3 |
| Benefits Paid - SERP | 0.5 | - | 0.2 | - | 0.3 | - | - | - |
| SERP Curtailment | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.3) | - |
| Benefit Obligation as of End of Year | \$ (1,083.4) | \$ (1,353.3) | \$ (529.0) | \$ (223.9) | \$ (1,178.0) | \$ (1,430.0) | \$ (576.0) | \$ (243.1) |
| Change in Pension Plan Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of Beginning of Year | \$ 937.6 | \$ 1,069.1 | \$ 386.6 | \$ 218.5 | \$ 869.6 | \$ 988.5 | \$ 279.7 | \$ 202.0 |
| Employer Contributions | - | 82.0 | 108.3 | - | - | 25.0 | 87.7 | - |
| Actual Return on Plan Assets | 135.3 | 155.4 | 54.8 | 33.4 | 123.9 | 124.6 | 38.9 | 27.8 |
| Benefits Paid | (56.6) | (71.2) | (21.1) | (11.5) | (55.9) | (69.0) | (19.7) | (11.3) |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of End of Year | \$ 1,016.3 | \$ 1,235.3 | \$ 528.6 | \$ 240.4 | \$ 937.6 | \$ 1,069.1 | \$ 386.6 | \$ 218.5 |
| Funded Status as of December 31 st | \$ (67.1) | \$ (118.0) | \$ (0.4) | \$ 16.5 | \$ (240.4) | \$ (360.9) | \$ (189.4) | \$ (24.6) |

(1) NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

(2) NSTAR Electric amounts do not include benefit obligations of the NSTAR SERP Plan.

As of December 31, 2013, prepaid pension assets of \$3 million and \$17 million for PSNH and WMECO, respectively, were included in Other Long-Term Assets on their accompanying balance sheets. Pension and SERP benefits funded status includes the current portion of the SERP liability, which is included in Other Current Liabilities on the accompanying balance sheets.

Although NU maintains marketable securities in a supplemental benefit trust, the plan itself does not contain any assets. See Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

The accumulated benefit obligation for the Pension and SERP Plans is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Pension and SERP | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | As of December 31, | | | |
| | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| NU | \$ | 4,538.8 | \$ | 4,622.1 |
| CL&P | | 1,058.0 | | 1,061.8 |
| NSTAR Electric ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,280.6 | | 1,353.1 |
| PSNH | | 520.1 | | 515.9 |
| WMECO | | 220.6 | | 221.3 |

(1)

NSTAR Electric amounts do not include the accumulated benefit obligation for the SERP Plan.

The following actuarial assumptions were used in calculating the Pension and SERP Plans' year end funded status:

| | Pension and SERP | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | As of December 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| NUSCO Pension and SERP Plans | | |
| Discount Rate | 5.03 % | 4.24 % |
| Compensation/Progression Rate | 3.50 % | 3.50 % |
| NSTAR Pension and SERP Plans | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.85 % | 4.13 % |
| Compensation/Progression Rate | 4.00 % | 4.00 % |

Pension and SERP Expense: For the NUSCO Plans, NU allocates net periodic pension expense to its subsidiaries based on the actual participant demographic data for each subsidiary's participants. Benefit payments to participants

and contributions are also tracked for each subsidiary. The actual investment return in the trust each year is allocated to each of the subsidiaries annually in proportion to the investment return expected to be earned during the year. For the NSTAR Pension Plan, the net periodic pension expense recorded at NSTAR Electric represents the full cost of the plan and then a portion of the costs are allocated to affiliated companies based on participant demographic data.

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The components of net periodic benefit expense, for which the total expense less capitalized amounts is included in Operations and Maintenance on the statements of income, the portion of pension amounts capitalized related to employees working on capital projects, which is included in Property, Plant and Equipment, Net on the balance sheets, and intercompany allocations not included in the net periodic benefit expense amounts for the Pension and SERP Plans are as follows:

**Pension and SERP
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NSTAR | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | NU | CL&P | Electric ⁽²⁾ | PSNH | WMECO |
| Service Cost | \$ 102.3 | \$ 24.9 | \$ 33.1 | \$ 13.1 | \$ 4.7 |
| Interest Cost | 206.7 | 48.3 | 58.0 | 23.6 | 10.0 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (278.1) | (73.8) | (84.4) | (35.4) | (17.4) |
| Actuarial Loss | 210.5 | 55.9 | 58.1 | 21.6 | 11.8 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | 4.0 | 1.8 | (0.3) | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense | \$ 245.4 | \$ 57.1 | \$ 64.5 | \$ 23.6 | \$ 9.5 |
| Related Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$ 44.9 | \$ (8.4) | \$ 10.5 | \$ 8.0 |
| Capitalized Pension Expense | \$ 73.2 | \$ 28.0 | \$ 28.9 | \$ 7.3 | \$ 5.2 |

**Pension and SERP
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 ⁽¹⁾**

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NSTAR | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | NU | CL&P | Electric ⁽²⁾ | PSNH | WMECO |
| Service Cost | \$ 84.3 | \$ 21.8 | \$ 30.3 | \$ 11.8 | \$ 4.1 |
| Interest Cost | 198.3 | 51.2 | 58.9 | 24.4 | 10.5 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (220.9) | (70.6) | (65.6) | (28.2) | (16.4) |
| Actuarial Loss | 172.4 | 49.6 | 63.1 | 16.2 | 10.7 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | 7.9 | 3.6 | (0.6) | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense | \$ 242.0 | \$ 55.6 | \$ 86.1 | \$ 25.7 | \$ 9.7 |
| Curtailments and Settlements | \$ 2.2 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Related Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$ 42.8 | \$ (12.3) | \$ 10.1 | \$ 8.1 |
| Capitalized Pension Expense | \$ 70.6 | \$ 26.8 | \$ 30.7 | \$ 7.9 | \$ 5.1 |

**Pension and SERP
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NSTAR | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | NU | CL&P | Electric ⁽²⁾ | PSNH | WMECO |
| Service Cost | \$ 55.4 | \$ 19.5 | \$ 26.0 | \$ 10.6 | \$ 3.9 |
| Interest Cost | 153.3 | 51.9 | 61.0 | 24.4 | 10.7 |

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| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (170.8) | (76.6) | (71.4) | (19.8) | (17.7) |
| Actuarial Loss | 84.2 | 33.4 | 48.6 | 10.7 | 7.1 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | 9.7 | 4.2 | (0.7) | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense | \$ 131.8 | \$ 32.4 | \$ 63.5 | \$ 27.7 | \$ 4.9 |
| Related Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$ 34.1 | \$ (10.2) | \$ 7.6 | \$ 6.2 |
| Capitalized Pension Expense | \$ 29.7 | \$ 16.6 | \$ 19.8 | \$ 7.6 | \$ 2.7 |

- (1) NSTAR Electric amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.
- (2) NSTAR Electric's allocated expense associated with the NSTAR SERP was \$3.2 million, \$3.6 million and \$4.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and are not included in the NSTAR Electric amounts in the tables above.

The following actuarial assumptions were used to calculate Pension and SERP expense amounts:

| | Pension and SERP | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| NUSCO Pension and SERP Plans | | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.24 % | 5.03 % | 5.57 % |
| Expected Long-Term Rate of Return | 8.25 % | 8.25 % | 8.25 % |
| Compensation/Progression Rate | 3.50 % | 3.50 % | 3.50 % |
| NSTAR Pension and SERP Plans | | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.13 % | 4.52 % | 5.30 % |
| Expected Long-Term Rate of Return | 8.25 % | 7.30 % | 8.00 % |
| Compensation/Progression Rate | 4.00 % | 4.00 % | 4.00 % |

The following is a summary of the changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in Regulatory Assets and Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) as well as amounts in Regulatory Assets and OCI reclassified as net periodic benefit expense during the years presented:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> NU Pension and SERP Plans (1) | Amounts Reclassified To/From | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | Regulatory Assets | | OCI | |
| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Actuarial (Gains)/Losses Arising During the Year | \$ (635.2) | \$ 245.7 | \$ (28.9) | \$ 19.1 |
| Actuarial Losses Reclassified as Net Periodic Benefit Expense | (201.2) | (164.6) | (9.4) | (7.8) |
| Prior Service Cost Reclassified as Net Periodic Benefit Expense | (3.8) | (7.7) | (0.2) | (0.2) |

(1) The NU amounts include the NSTAR Pension and SERP Plans beginning April 10, 2012.

The following is a summary of the remaining Regulatory Assets and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss amounts that have not been recognized as components of net periodic benefit expense as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the amounts that are expected to be recognized as components in 2014:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> NU Pension and SERP Plans | Regulatory Assets as of | | Expected | AOCI as of | | Expected |
|---|-------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
| | December 31, | | 2014 | December 31, | | 2014 |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Expense | 2013 | 2012 | Expense |
| Actuarial Loss | \$ 1,137.4 | \$ 1,973.8 | \$ 126.2 | \$ 43.2 | \$ 81.5 | \$ 5.6 |
| Prior Service Cost | 17.4 | 21.2 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NSTAR Electric had \$497.9 million and \$724 million, respectively, of unrecognized actuarial losses included in Regulatory Assets that have not been recognized as components of net periodic benefit expense. For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, NSTAR Electric reclassified \$58.1 million and \$62.8 million, respectively, of actuarial losses and \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, of prior service credit as net periodic benefit expense. Actuarial gains of \$168 million and actuarial losses of \$4.6 million, respectively, arose during 2013 and 2012, respectively.

PBOP Plans: The NUSCO Plans are accounted for under the multiple-employer approach while the NSTAR Plan is accounted for under the multi-employer approach. Accordingly, the funded status of the NUSCO PBOP Plans is allocated to its subsidiaries, including CL&P, PSNH and WMECO, while the NSTAR PBOP Plan is not reflected on the SEC registrant NSTAR Electric's balance sheet.

NU annually funds postretirement costs through tax deductible contributions to external trusts.

The following tables provide information on PBOP Plan benefit obligations, fair values of plan assets, and funded status:

| | PBOP | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| | As of December 31, | | | | | | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
| | NU | CL&P | PSNH | WMECO | NU ⁽¹⁾ | CL&P | PSNH | WMECO |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Obligation as of Beginning of Year | \$ (1,233.3) | \$ (196.8) | \$ (100.2) | \$ (42.5) | \$ (520.9) | \$ (198.9) | \$ (99.2) | \$ (42.9) |
| Liabilities Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | - | - | - | - | (770.6) | - | - | - |
| Service Cost | (16.9) | (3.4) | (2.3) | (0.7) | (15.7) | (3.0) | (2.0) | (0.6) |
| Interest Cost | (47.2) | (7.9) | (4.0) | (1.7) | (49.0) | (9.2) | (4.6) | (2.0) |
| Actuarial Gain | 200.9 | 13.3 | 7.2 | 3.3 | 70.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Federal Subsidy on Benefits Paid | - | - | - | - | (6.2) | (1.7) | (0.6) | (0.3) |
| Benefits Paid | 58.5 | 14.4 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 58.2 | 14.8 | 5.9 | 3.2 |
| Benefit Obligation as of End of Year | \$ (1,038.0) | \$ (180.4) | \$ (93.5) | \$ (38.7) | \$ (1,233.3) | \$ (196.8) | \$ (100.2) | \$ (42.5) |
| Change in Plan Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of Beginning of Year | \$ 709.1 | \$ 132.2 | \$ 69.5 | \$ 31.0 | \$ 285.4 | \$ 112.2 | \$ 58.7 | \$ 27.1 |
| Assets Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | - | - | - | - | 330.4 | - | - | - |
| Actual Return on Plan Assets | 118.3 | 24.8 | 13.4 | 6.0 | 78.8 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 3.5 |
| Employer Contributions | 57.6 | 8.7 | 4.7 | 1.2 | 72.7 | 19.8 | 9.2 | 3.6 |
| Benefits Paid | (58.5) | (14.4) | (5.8) | (2.9) | (58.2) | (14.8) | (5.9) | (3.2) |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets as of End of Year | \$ 826.5 | \$ 151.3 | \$ 81.8 | \$ 35.3 | \$ 709.1 | \$ 132.2 | \$ 69.5 | \$ 31.0 |

Funded Status as of December 31st \$ (211.5) \$ (29.1) \$ (11.7) \$ (3.4) \$ (524.2) \$ (64.6) \$ (30.7) \$ (11.5)

(1) NU results include NSTAR PBOP Plan activity beginning April 10, 2012.

The following actuarial assumptions were used in calculating the PBOP Plans' year end funded status:

| | PBOP | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | As of December 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| NUSCO PBOP Plans | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.78 % | 4.04 % |
| Health Care Cost Trend Rate | 7.00 % | 7.00 % |
| NSTAR PBOP Plan | | |
| Discount Rate | 5.10 % | 4.35 % |
| Health Care Cost Trend Rate | 7.00 % | 7.10 % |

PBOP Expense: For the NUSCO Plans, NU allocates net periodic postretirement benefits expense to certain subsidiaries based on the actual participant demographic data for each subsidiary's participants. Benefit payments to participants and contributions are also tracked for each subsidiary. The actual investment return in the trust is allocated to each of the subsidiaries annually in proportion to the investment return expected to be earned during the year. For the NSTAR Plan, NU allocates the net periodic postretirement expenses to certain subsidiaries based on actual participant demographic data for each of its subsidiaries. The net periodic postretirement expense allocated to NSTAR Electric was \$4.6 million, \$34.1 million, and \$26 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The components of net periodic benefit expense, for which the total expense less capitalized amounts is included in Operations and Maintenance on the statements of income, the portion of PBOP amounts capitalized related to employees working on capital projects, which is included in Property, Plant and Equipment, Net on the balance sheets, and intercompany allocations not included in the net periodic benefit expense amounts for the PBOP Plans are as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | PBOP | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | | 2011 | | | | | |
| | NU | CL&P | PSNHWMECO | NU ⁽¹⁾ | CL&P | PSNHWMECO | NU | CL&P | PSNHWMECO | NU | CL&P | PSNHWMECO |
| Service Cost | \$ 16.9 | \$ 3.4 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 0.7 | \$ 15.7 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 9.2 | \$ 2.9 | \$ 1.9 | \$ 0.6 |
| Interest Cost | 47.2 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 49.0 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 25.7 | 10.0 | 4.8 | 2.2 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (55.4) | (10.1) | (5.2) | (2.3) | (39.2) | (9.1) | (4.6) | (2.1) | (21.6) | (8.7) | (4.3) | (2.0) |
| Actuarial Loss | 26.0 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 36.0 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 19.0 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 1.1 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | (2.1) | - | - | - | (1.4) | - | - | - | (0.3) | - | - | - |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Net Transition Obligation Cost ⁽²⁾ | - | - | - | - | 12.2 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 11.6 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 1.3 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense | \$ 32.6 | \$ 8.6 | \$ 4.7 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 72.3 | \$ 16.7 | \$ 8.1 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 43.6 | \$ 17.6 | \$ 8.1 | \$ 3.2 |
| Related Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$ 7.1 | \$ 1.6 | \$ 1.3 | N/A | \$ 7.9 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 1.5 | N/A | \$ 8.2 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 1.5 |
| Capitalized PBOP Expense | \$ 8.8 | \$ 3.9 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 26.6 | \$ 8.2 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 1.6 | \$ 12.7 | \$ 8.7 | \$ 2.2 | \$ 1.5 |

(1) NU results include NSTAR PBOP Plan activity beginning April 10, 2012.

(2) The PBOP Plans' transition obligation costs were fully amortized in 2013.

The following actuarial assumptions were used to calculate PBOP expense amounts:

| | PBOP | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| NUSCO PBOP Plans | | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.04 % | 4.84 % | 5.28 % |
| Expected Long-Term Rate of Return | 8.25 % | 8.25 % | 8.25 % |
| NSTAR PBOP Plan | | | |
| Discount Rate | 4.35 % | 4.58 % | N/A |
| Expected Long-Term Rate of Return | 8.25 % | 7.30 % | N/A |

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The following is a summary of the changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in Regulatory Assets and OCI as well as amounts in Regulatory Assets and OCI reclassified as net periodic benefit (expense)/income during the years presented:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> NU PBOP Plans ⁽¹⁾ | Amounts Reclassified To/From | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Regulatory Assets | | OCI | |
| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Actuarial Gains Arising During the Year | \$ (262.0) | \$ (108.6) | \$ (1.9) | \$ (1.8) |
| Actuarial Losses Reclassified as Net Periodic Benefit Expense | (24.9) | (34.9) | (1.1) | (1.1) |
| Prior Service Credit Reclassified as Net Periodic Benefit Income | 2.1 | 1.4 | - | - |
| Transition Obligation Reclassified as Net Periodic Benefit Expense | - | (11.9) | - | (0.2) |

⁽¹⁾ The NU amounts include the NSTAR PBOP Plan beginning April 10, 2012.

The following is a summary of the remaining Regulatory Assets and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss amounts that have not been recognized as components of net periodic benefit expense as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the amounts that are expected to be recognized as components in 2014:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> NU PBOP Plans | Regulatory Assets as of | | Expected | AOCI as of | | Expected |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------|----------|
| | December 31, | | 2014 | December 31, | | 2014 |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Expense | 2013 | 2012 | Expense |
| Actuarial Loss | \$ 89.2 | \$ 376.1 | \$ 11.4 | \$ 6.2 | \$ 9.2 | \$ 0.7 |
| Prior Service Credit | (4.6) | (6.7) | (2.8) | - | - | - |

The health care cost trend rate assumption used to calculate the 2013 PBOP expense amounts was 7 percent for the NUSCO PBOP Plan, subsequently decreasing by 50 basis points per year to an ultimate rate of 5 percent in 2017, and 7.10 percent for the NSTAR PBOP Plan, subsequently decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5 percent in 2024. As of December 31, 2013, the health care cost trend rate assumption used to determine the NUSCO and NSTAR PBOP Plans year end funded status is 7 percent, subsequently decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5 percent in 2024.

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care plans. The effect of changing the assumed health care cost trend rate by one percentage point for the year ended December 31, 2013 would have the following effects:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | One Percentage Point Increase | | One Percentage Point Decrease |
|--|----|--|----|--|
| NU PBOP Plans | | | | |
| Effect on Postretirement Benefit Obligation | \$ | 85.8 | \$ | (70.4) |
| Effect on Total Service and Interest Cost Components | | 7.1 | | (5.5) |

Estimated Future Benefit Payments: The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, are expected to be paid by the Pension, SERP and PBOP Plans:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | Pension and SERP | | PBOP |
|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| NU | | | | |
| 2014 | \$ | 263.3 | \$ | 61.6 |
| 2015 | | 273.3 | | 63.3 |
| 2016 | | 282.9 | | 64.5 |
| 2017 | | 287.4 | | 65.6 |
| 2018 | | 299.4 | | 66.6 |
| 2019-2023 | | 1,617.0 | | 344.4 |

| NSTAR Pension Plan | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------|--|-----|
| 2014 | \$ | 88.0 | | N/A |
| 2015 | | 90.6 | | N/A |
| 2016 | | 88.4 | | N/A |
| 2017 | | 88.5 | | N/A |
| 2018 | | 90.0 | | N/A |
| 2019-2023 | | 449.2 | | N/A |

Contributions: NU's policy is to annually fund the NUSCO and NSTAR Pension Plans in an amount at least equal to an amount that will satisfy federal requirements. NU contributed \$202.7 million to the NUSCO Pension Plan in 2013, of which \$108.3 million was contributed by PSNH. NSTAR Electric contributed \$82 million to the NSTAR Pension Plan in 2013. Based on the current status of the NUSCO Pension Plan, NU expects to make a contribution of \$68.6 million in 2014. NSTAR Electric expects to make a contribution of \$3 million in 2014 to the NSTAR Pension Plan.

For the PBOP Plans, it is NU's policy to annually fund the NUSCO PBOP Plans in an amount equal to the PBOP Plans' postretirement benefit cost, excluding curtailment and termination benefits, and the NSTAR PBOP Plan in an amount that approximates annual benefit payments. NU contributed \$57.6 million to the PBOP Plans in 2013 and expects to make \$39.7 million in contributions in 2014.

Fair Value of Pension and PBOP Plan Assets: Pension and PBOP funds are held in external trusts. Trust assets, including accumulated earnings, must be used exclusively for Pension and PBOP payments. NU's investment strategy for its Pension and PBOP Plans is to maximize the long-term rates of return on these plans' assets within an acceptable level of risk. The investment strategy for each asset category includes a diversification of asset types, fund strategies and fund managers and establishes target asset allocations that are routinely reviewed and periodically rebalanced. In 2013 and 2012, PBOP assets were comprised of specific assets within the defined benefit pension plan trust (401(h) assets) as well as assets held in the PBOP Plans. The investment policy and strategy of the 401(h) assets is consistent with those of the defined benefit pension plans, which are detailed below. NU's expected long-term rates of return on Pension and PBOP Plan assets are based on these target asset allocation assumptions and related expected long-term rates of return. In developing its expected long-term rate of return assumptions for the Pension and PBOP Plans, NU evaluated input from consultants, as well as long-term inflation assumptions and historical returns. For the year ended December 31, 2013, management has assumed long-term rates of return of 8.25 percent for the Pension and PBOP Plan assets. These long-term rates of return are based on the assumed rates of return for the target asset allocations as follows:

| | As of December 31, | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | | | | |
| | NUSCO and NSTAR Pension and Tax-Exempt PBOP Plans ⁽¹⁾ | | NUSCO Pension and PBOP Plans | | NSTAR Pension Plan | | NSTAR PBOP Plan | |
| | Target Asset Allocation | Assumed Rate of Return | Target Asset Allocation | Assumed Rate of Return | Target Asset Allocation | Assumed Rate of Return | Target Asset Allocation | Assumed Rate of Return |
| Equity Securities: | | | | | | | | |
| United States | 24% | 9% | 24% | 9% | 25% | 8.3% | 25% | 8.3% |
| International | 10% | 9% | 13% | 9% | 13% | 8.6% | 20% | 8.6% |
| Emerging Markets | 6% | 10% | 3% | 10% | 5% | 8.8% | 5% | 8.8% |
| Private Equity | 10% | 13% | 12% | 13% | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed Income | 15% | 5% | 20% | 5% | 21% | 4.6% | 30% | 4.6% |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 9% | 7.5% | 3.5% | 7.5% | 9% | 6.5% | - | - |
| Emerging Markets Debt | 6% | 7.5% | 3.5% | 7.5% | 4% | 6.4% | - | - |
| Real Estate and Other Assets | 9% | 7.5% | 8% | 7.5% | 10% | 7.9% | 10% | 7.9% |
| Hedge Funds | 11% | 7% | 13% | 7% | 13% | 8.4% | 10% | 8.4% |

(1)

The Taxable PBOP Plans have a target asset allocation of 70 percent equity securities and 30 percent fixed income securities.

The following table presents, by asset category, the Pension and PBOP Plan assets recorded at fair value on a recurring basis by the level in which they are classified within the fair value hierarchy:

NU Pension Plans
Fair Value Measurements as of December 31,

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Asset Category: | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Equity Securities: | | | | | | | | |
| United States | | | | | | | | |
| (1) | \$ 294.6 | \$ 597.7 | \$ 194.0 | \$ 1,086.3 | \$ 336.5 | \$ 302.8 | \$ 270.6 | \$ 909.9 |
| International (1) | 32.2 | 362.6 | 61.5 | 456.3 | 42.0 | 362.6 | 52.1 | 456.7 |
| Emerging Markets (1) | - | 211.8 | - | 211.8 | - | 135.3 | - | 135.3 |
| Private Equity | 96.4 | - | 300.3 | 396.7 | 26.7 | - | 267.9 | 294.6 |
| Fixed Income(2) | 11.6 | 605.1 | 589.5 | 1,206.2 | 54.9 | 629.2 | 315.1 | 999.2 |
| Real Estate and Other Assets | - | 88.2 | 288.5 | 376.7 | - | 78.9 | 235.4 | 314.3 |
| Hedge Funds | - | - | 416.9 | 416.9 | - | - | 418.9 | 418.9 |
| Total Master Trust Assets | \$ 434.8 | \$ 1,865.4 | \$ 1,850.7 | \$ 4,150.9 | \$ 460.1 | \$ 1,508.8 | \$ 1,560.0 | \$ 3,528.9 |
| Less: 401(h) PBOP Assets(3) | | | | (165.0) | | | | (117.6) |
| Total Pension Assets | | | | \$ 3,985.9 | | | | \$ 3,411.3 |

NSTAR Pension Plan**Fair Value Measurements as of December 31,**

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Asset Category: | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Securities: | | | | | | | | |
| United States ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 87.7 | \$ 177.9 | \$ 57.8 | \$ 323.4 | \$ 96.7 | \$ 246.4 | \$ - | \$ 343.1 |
| International ⁽¹⁾ | 9.6 | 108.0 | 18.3 | 135.9 | - | 98.3 | 52.1 | 150.4 |
| Emerging Markets ⁽¹⁾ | - | 63.1 | - | 63.1 | - | 55.9 | - | 55.9 |
| Private Equity | 28.7 | - | 89.4 | 118.1 | - | - | - | - |
| Fixed Income ⁽²⁾ | 3.4 | 180.0 | 175.4 | 358.8 | 54.9 | 292.5 | - | 347.4 |
| Real Estate and Other Assets | - | 26.3 | 85.6 | 111.9 | - | - | 127.2 | 127.2 |
| Hedge Funds | - | - | 124.1 | 124.1 | - | - | 122.7 | 122.7 |
| Total Master Trust Assets | \$ 129.4 | \$ 555.3 | \$ 550.6 | \$ 1,235.3 | \$ 151.6 | \$ 693.1 | \$ 302.0 | \$ 1,146.7 |
| Less: 401(h) PBOP Assets ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | (77.6) |
| Total Pension Assets | | | | | | | | \$ 1,069.1 |

NU PBOP Plans**Fair Value Measurements as of December 31,**

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Asset Category: | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 11.1 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11.1 | \$ 9.7 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9.7 |
| Equity Securities: | | | | | | | | |
| United States ⁽¹⁾ | 67.0 | 120.6 | 69.1 | 256.7 | 116.3 | 57.7 | 36.3 | 210.3 |
| International ⁽¹⁾ | 28.1 | 42.8 | - | 70.9 | 68.0 | 29.7 | - | 97.7 |
| Emerging Markets ⁽¹⁾ | 15.2 | 13.4 | - | 28.6 | 7.7 | 14.0 | - | 21.7 |
| Private Equity | - | - | 17.9 | 17.9 | - | - | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| Fixed Income ⁽²⁾ | - | 119.7 | 51.5 | 171.2 | - | 137.7 | 32.1 | 169.8 |
| Real Estate and Other Assets | - | 14.2 | 33.9 | 48.1 | - | 4.7 | 26.7 | 31.4 |
| Hedge Funds | - | - | 57.0 | 57.0 | - | - | 39.6 | 39.6 |
| Total | \$ 121.4 | \$ 310.7 | \$ 229.4 | \$ 661.5 | \$ 201.7 | \$ 243.8 | \$ 146.0 | \$ 591.5 |
| Add: 401(h) PBOP Assets ⁽³⁾ | | | | 165.0 | | | | 117.6 |
| Total PBOP Assets | | | | \$ 826.5 | | | | \$ 709.1 |

(1)

United States, International and Emerging Markets equity securities classified as Level 2 include investments in commingled funds. Level 3 investments include hedge funds that are overlaid with equity index swaps and futures

contracts and funds invested in equities that have redemption restrictions.

(2)

Fixed Income investments classified as Level 3 investments include fixed income funds that invest in a variety of opportunistic fixed income strategies, and hedge funds that are overlaid with fixed income futures.

(3)

The assets of the Pension Plans include a 401(h) account that has been allocated to provide health and welfare postretirement benefits under the PBOP Plans.

Effective January 1, 2013, the NSTAR Pension Plan assets were transferred into the NUSCO Pension Plan master trust. The, NUSCO Pension Plan is entitled to approximately 66 percent of each asset category in the master trust, the NSTAR Pension Plan is entitled to approximately 30 percent of each asset category in the master trust and the 401(h) plans are entitled to approximately four percent of each asset category in the master trust.

CL&P, PSNH and WMECO participate in the NUSCO Pension and PBOP Plans. Each company participating in the plans is allocated a portion of the total plan assets. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the NUSCO Pension Plan had total assets of \$2,750.4 million and \$2,342.6 million, respectively. CL&P's, PSNH's and WMECO's portion of these total Pension Plan assets was 37 percent, 19 percent and 9 percent, respectively, as of December 31, 2013, and 40 percent, 17 percent and 9 percent, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. The NUSCO PBOP Plans had total assets of \$391 million and \$334.9 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. CL&P's, PSNH's and WMECO's portion of these total PBOP Plan assets was 39 percent, 21 percent and 9 percent, respectively, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

The Company values assets based on observable inputs when available. Equity securities, exchange traded funds and futures contracts classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy are priced based on the closing price on the primary exchange as of the balance sheet date. Commingled funds included in Level 2 equity securities are recorded at the net asset value provided by the asset manager, which is based on the market prices of the underlying equity securities.

Swaps are valued using pricing models that incorporate interest rates and equity and fixed income index closing prices to determine a net present value of the cash flows. Fixed income securities, such as government issued securities, corporate bonds and high yield bond funds, are included in Level 2 and are valued using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. The pricing models utilize observable inputs such as recent trades for the same or similar instruments, yield curves, discount margins and bond structures.

Hedge funds and investments in opportunistic fixed income funds are recorded at net asset value based on the values of the underlying assets. The assets in the hedge funds and opportunistic fixed income funds are valued using observable inputs and are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy due to redemption restrictions. Private Equity investments and Real Estate and Other Assets are valued using the net asset value provided by the partnerships, which are based on discounted cash flows of the underlying investments, real estate appraisals or public market comparables of the underlying investments. These investments are classified as Level 3 due to redemption restrictions.

Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3): The following tables present changes in the Level 3 category of Pension and PBOP Plan assets for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The NSTAR Pension Plan table reflects the change in asset categories on January 1, 2013 as a result of the transfer of assets into the NUSCO Pension Plan master trust.

| | NU Pension Plans | | | | | | | Total |
|--|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| | United States | | Private Equity | Fixed Income | Real Estate and Other Assets | Hedge Funds | | |
| | Equity | International | | | | | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Balance as of January 1, 2012 | \$ 259.4 | \$ - | \$ 255.1 | \$ 276.2 | \$ 71.8 | \$ 240.0 | \$ 1,102.5 | |
| Assets Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | - | 41.4 | - | - | 111.0 | 126.6 | 279.0 | |
| Actual Return/(Loss) on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | 11.2 | 10.7 | 17.0 | 42.1 | 5.7 | 21.8 | 108.5 | |
| Relating to Assets Distributed During the Year | - | - | 15.0 | 0.7 | 7.6 | (0.3) | 23.0 | |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | - | - | (19.2) | (3.9) | 39.3 | 30.8 | 47.0 | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 270.6 | \$ 52.1 | \$ 267.9 | \$ 315.1 | \$ 235.4 | \$ 418.9 | \$ 1,560.0 | |
| Transfer Between Categories | - | - | - | 32.5 | - | (32.5) | - | |
| Actual Return/(Loss) on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | 11.2 | 9.4 | 15.4 | 55.3 | 12.9 | 33.4 | 137.6 | |
| Relating to Assets Distributed During the Year | 12.2 | - | 13.7 | (1.0) | 6.2 | - | 31.1 | |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | (100.0) | - | 3.3 | 187.6 | 34.0 | (2.9) | 122.0 | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$ 194.0 | \$ 61.5 | \$ 300.3 | \$ 589.5 | \$ 288.5 | \$ 416.9 | \$ 1,850.7 | |

| | NU PBOP Plans | | | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------|--|
| | United States | | Private Equity | Fixed Income | Real Estate and Other Assets | Hedge Funds | | |
| | Equity | Equity | | | | | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Balance as of January 1, 2012 | \$ 10.7 | \$ 5.1 | \$ 26.0 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 16.1 | \$ 60.4 | | |
| Assets Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | 19.7 | - | - | 18.4 | 21.4 | 59.5 | | |

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| | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--|
| Actual Return on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | 5.9 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 16.6 | |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | - | 4.6 | 2.1 | 2.8 | - | 9.5 | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 36.3 | \$ 11.3 | \$ 32.1 | \$ 26.7 | \$ 39.6 | \$ 146.0 | |
| Actual Return/(Loss) on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | 20.8 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 35.7 | |
| Relating to Assets Distributed During the Year | - | 0.2 | - | (0.1) | - | 0.1 | |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | 12.0 | 4.9 | 15.3 | 3.4 | 12.0 | 47.6 | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$ 69.1 | \$ 17.9 | \$ 51.5 | \$ 33.9 | \$ 57.0 | \$ 229.4 | |

NSTAR Pension Plan

| | United States | | Private Equity | Fixed Income | Real Estate and Other Assets | Hedge Funds | Total |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Equity | International | Equity | Income | Assets | Funds | Total |
| Balance as of January 1, 2012 | \$ - | \$ 41.4 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 111.0 | \$ 126.6 | \$ 279.0 |
| Actual Return/(Loss) on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | - | 10.7 | - | - | 9.9 | 5.6 | 26.2 |
| Relating to Assets Distributed During the Year | - | - | - | - | - | (0.3) | (0.3) |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | - | - | - | - | 6.3 | (9.2) | (2.9) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ - | \$ 52.1 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 127.2 | \$ 122.7 | \$ 302.0 |
| Transfer of Assets into NUSCO Pension Plan Trust | 80.5 | (36.6) | \$ 79.7 | 93.8 | (57.1) | 2.0 | 162.3 |
| Transfer Between Categories | - | - | - | 9.7 | - | (9.7) | - |
| Actual Return/(Loss) on Plan Assets: | | | | | | | |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of Year End | 3.5 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 16.4 | 3.5 | 9.9 | 40.7 |
| Relating to Assets Distributed During the Year | 3.6 | - | 4.2 | (0.3) | 1.8 | - | 9.3 |
| Purchases, Sales and Settlements | (29.8) | - | 0.9 | 55.8 | 10.2 | (0.8) | 36.3 |
| | \$ 57.8 | \$ 18.3 | \$ 89.4 | \$ 175.4 | \$ 85.6 | \$ 124.1 | \$ 550.6 |

Balance as of December 31,
2013

B.

Defined Contribution Plans

As of December 31, 2013, NU maintained two defined contribution plans on behalf of eligible participants. The NUSCO 401(k) Plan covered eligible employees, including CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, and effective in 2012, certain newly-hired NSTAR employees. The NSTAR Savings Plan covered eligible employees of NSTAR. These defined contribution plans provided for employee and employer contributions up to statutory limits.

The NUSCO 401(k) Plan matches employee contributions up to a maximum of three percent of eligible compensation. The NUSCO 401(k) Plan also contains a K-Vantage feature which provides an additional company contribution based on age and years of service. This feature covers the majority of NU non-represented employees hired after 2005 and certain NU bargaining unit employees hired after 2006 or as subject to collective bargaining agreements. In addition, NSTAR employees who participate in the NUSCO 401(k) Plan are eligible to participate in the K-Vantage program. Participants in the K-Vantage program are not eligible to actively participate in any NU defined benefit plan.

The NSTAR Savings Plan matches employee contributions of 50 percent on up to the first 8 percent of eligible compensation.

The total defined contribution plan matching contributions, including the K-Vantage program contributions, are as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | NU ⁽¹⁾ | | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO |
|------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------|----|---------------------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|
| 2013 | \$ | 37.0 | \$ | 5.1 | \$ | 8.5 | \$ | 3.3 | \$ | 1.0 |
| 2012 | | 25.7 | | 4.8 | | 9.0 | | 3.3 | | 0.9 |
| 2011 | | 17.4 | | 4.5 | | 8.7 | | 3.1 | | 0.9 |

(1)

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

Effective January 1, 2014, the NSTAR Savings Plan merged into the NUSCO 401(k) Plan. The merged Plan is a defined contribution plan that continues to provide for employer and employee contributions up to statutory limits. The merged Plan also retained the match guidelines and K-Vantage features for eligible employees as described above.

C.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan

NU maintains an ESOP for purposes of allocating shares to employees participating in the NUSCO 401(k) Plan. Allocations of NU common shares were made from NU treasury shares to satisfy the NUSCO 401(k) Plan obligation to provide a portion of the matching contribution in NU common shares.

For treasury shares used to satisfy the 401(k) Plan matching contributions, compensation expense is recognized equal to the fair value of shares that have been allocated to participants. Any difference between the fair value and the average cost of the allocated treasury shares is charged or credited to Capital Surplus, Paid In. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, NU recognized \$9.1 million, \$8.9 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to the ESOP.

D.

Share-Based Payments

Share-based compensation awards are recorded using a fair-value-based method at the date of grant. NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO record compensation expense related to these awards, as applicable, for shares issued or sold to their respective employees and officers, as well as the allocation of costs associated with shares issued or sold to NU's service company employees and officers that support CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO.

Upon consummation of the merger with NSTAR, the NSTAR 1997 Share Incentive Plan and the NSTAR 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan were assumed by NU. Share-based awards granted under the NSTAR Plans and held by NSTAR employees and officers were generally converted into outstanding NU share-based compensation awards with an estimated fair value of \$53.2 million. Refer to Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," for further information regarding the merger transaction. Specifically, as of the merger closing, and as adjusted by the exchange ratio, NU converted (1) outstanding NSTAR stock options into 2,664,894 NU stock options valued at \$30.5 million, (2) NSTAR deferred shares and NSTAR performance shares into 421,775 NU RSUs valued at \$15.5 million, and (3) NSTAR RSU retention awards into 195,619 NU RSU retention awards valued at \$7.2 million.

NU Incentive Plan: NU maintains long-term equity-based incentive plans under the NU Incentive Plan in which NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO employees, officers and board members are entitled to participate. The NU Incentive Plan was approved in 2007, and authorized NU to grant up to 4,500,000 new shares for various types of awards, including RSUs and performance shares, to eligible employees, officers, and board members. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU had 2,462,668 and 2,502,512 common shares, respectively, available for issuance under the NU Incentive Plan. The aggregate number of common shares authorized for issuance under the NSTAR 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan was 3,500,000. As of both December 31, 2013 and 2012, there were 977,922 NU common shares available for issuance under this Plan. No additional awards will be granted under the NSTAR 1997 Share Incentive Plan. NU also maintains an ESPP for eligible employees.

NU accounts for its various share-based plans as follows:

RSUs - NU records compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period based upon the fair value of NU's common shares at the date of grant. The par value of RSUs is reclassified to Common Stock from APIC as RSUs become issued as common shares.

Performance Shares - NU records compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. Performance shares vest based upon the extent to which Company goals are achieved. As of December 31, 2013, vesting of outstanding performance shares is based upon both the Company's EPS growth over the requisite service period and the achievement of the Company's share price as compared to an index of similar equity securities during the requisite service period. The fair value of performance shares is determined at the date of grant using a lattice model.

Stock Options - Stock options issued under the NSTAR Incentive Plan that were outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger with NSTAR converted into fully vested options to acquire NU common shares, as adjusted by the exchange ratio. The fair value of these awards on the merger date was included in the purchase price as it represented consideration transferred in the merger. Accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded for these stock options. Additionally, no compensation expense was recorded for stock options issued under the NU Incentive Plan as these stock options were fully vested prior to January 1, 2006.

ESPP Shares - For shares sold under the ESPP, no compensation expense was recorded as the ESPP qualifies as a non-compensatory plan.

RSUs: NU granted RSUs under the annual Long-Term incentive programs that are subject to three-year graded vesting schedules for employees, and one-year graded vesting schedules, or immediate vesting for board members.

RSUs are paid in shares, reduced by amounts sufficient to satisfy withholdings for income taxes, subsequent to vesting. A summary of RSU transactions is as follows:

| | RSUs (Units) | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Outstanding as of January 1, 2011 | 1,014,479 | \$ 24.31 |
| Granted | 208,533 | \$ 33.87 |
| Shares issued | (244,782) | \$ 24.47 |
| Forfeited | (18,310) | \$ 23.74 |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2011 | 959,920 | \$ 26.36 |
| Granted | 614,930 | \$ 33.04 |
| Converted NSTAR Awards upon Merger | 617,394 | \$ 36.79 |
| Converted from NU Performance Shares upon Merger | 451,358 | \$ 34.32 |
| Shares issued | (363,779) | \$ 29.05 |
| Forfeited | (96,504) | \$ 34.97 |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2012 | 2,183,319 | \$ 31.99 |
| Granted | 373,939 | \$ 39.56 |
| Shares issued | (891,129) | \$ 32.15 |
| Forfeited | (29,689) | \$ 33.75 |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2013 | 1,636,440 | \$ 33.61 |

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the number and weighted average grant-date fair value of unvested RSUs was 1,162,216 and \$36.58 per share, and 1,417,688 and \$34.70 per share, respectively. The number and weighted average grant-date fair value of RSUs vested during 2013 was 583,101 and \$34.34 per share, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, 474,224 RSUs were fully vested and an additional 1,104,106 are expected to vest.

Performance Shares: NU granted performance shares under the annual Long-Term Incentive programs that vested based upon the extent to which the Company achieved targets at the end of three-year performance measurement periods. Performance shares are paid in shares, after the performance measurement period. A summary of performance share transactions is as follows:

| Performance | Weighted Average |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
|--------------------|-------------------------|

| | Shares (Units) | | Grant-Date Fair Value |
|--|---------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| Outstanding as of January 1, 2011 | 248,559 | \$ | 24.72 |
| Granted | 244,870 | \$ | 33.76 |
| Shares issued | - | \$ | - |
| Forfeited | (10,296) | \$ | 30.47 |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2011 | 483,133 | \$ | 29.18 |
| Granted | 225,935 | \$ | 35.09 |
| Converted to RSUs upon Merger | (451,358) | \$ | 34.32 |
| Shares issued | (106,773) | \$ | 24.52 |
| Forfeited | - | \$ | - |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2012 | 150,937 | \$ | 25.04 |
| Granted | 191,961 | \$ | 40.96 |
| Shares issued | (150,944) | \$ | 25.04 |
| Forfeited | (1,526) | \$ | 40.93 |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2013 | 190,428 | \$ | 40.96 |

Upon closing of the merger with NSTAR, 451,358 performance shares under the NU 2011 and 2012 Long-Term Incentive Programs converted to RSUs according to the terms of these programs. The remaining performance shares were measured based upon a modified performance period through the date of the merger, in accordance with the terms of the NU 2010 Incentive Program, and were fully distributed in 2013. As of December 31, 2013, outstanding performance shares pertain to the NU 2013 Long-Term Incentive Program.

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The total compensation expense and associated future income tax benefit recognized by NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO for share-based compensation awards are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| Compensation Expense | \$ 27.0 | \$ 25.8 | \$ 12.3 |
| Future Income Tax Benefit | 10.7 | 10.2 | 4.9 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2011 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | |
| | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Compensation Expense | \$ 6.8 | \$ 7.5 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 4.8 | \$ 7.4 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 1.0 | \$ 7.1 | \$ 7.7 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 1.4 |
| Future Income Tax Benefit | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 |

(1)

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

As of December 31, 2013, there was \$19.5 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested share-based awards for NU, \$5.8 million for CL&P, \$6.3 million for NSTAR Electric, \$1.7 million for PSNH and \$0.9 million for WMECO. This cost is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted-average period of 1.64 years for NU, 1.85 years for CL&P, 1.47 years for NSTAR Electric, 1.79 years for PSNH and 1.80 years for WMECO.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, additional tax benefits totaling \$5.5 million decreased cash flows from financing activities. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, additional tax benefits totaling \$8.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, increased cash flows from financing activities.

Stock Options: Stock options were granted under the NU and NSTAR Incentive Plans. Options currently outstanding expire ten years from the date of grant and are fully vested. The weighted average remaining contractual lives for the options outstanding as of December 31, 2013 is 4.3 years. A summary of stock option transactions is as follows:

| Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value (Millions) |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|

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|--|-------------|----|-------|----|------|
| Outstanding and Exercisable - January 1, 2011 | 112,599 | \$ | 18.80 | | |
| Exercised | (65,225) | \$ | 18.81 | \$ | 1.0 |
| Forfeited and Cancelled | - | \$ | - | | |
| Outstanding and Exercisable - December 31, 2011 | 47,374 | \$ | 18.78 | | |
| Converted NSTAR Options upon Merger | 2,664,894 | \$ | 23.99 | | |
| Exercised | (1,166,511) | \$ | 22.53 | \$ | 18.7 |
| Forfeited and Cancelled | - | \$ | - | | |
| Outstanding and Exercisable - December 31, 2012 | 1,545,757 | \$ | 24.92 | | |
| Exercised | (324,382) | \$ | 20.97 | \$ | 6.7 |
| Forfeited and Cancelled | - | \$ | - | | |
| Outstanding and Exercisable - December 31, 2013 | 1,221,375 | \$ | 25.97 | \$ | 20.1 |

Cash received for options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2013 totaled \$6.8 million. The tax benefit realized from stock options exercised totaled \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Employee Share Purchase Plan: NU maintains an ESPP for eligible employees, which allows for NU common shares to be purchased by employees at the end of successive six-month offering periods at 95 percent of the closing market price on the last day of each six-month period. Employees are permitted to purchase shares having a value not exceeding 25 percent of their compensation as of the beginning of the offering period up to a limit of \$25,000 per annum. The ESPP qualifies as a non-compensatory plan under accounting guidance for share-based payments, and no compensation expense is recorded for ESPP purchases.

During 2013, employees purchased 39,526 shares at discounted prices of \$38.69 and \$42.19. Employees purchased 39,422 shares in 2012 at discounted prices of \$33.01 and \$37.89. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, 817,754 and 857,280 shares, respectively, remained available for future issuance under the ESPP.

An income tax rate of 40 percent is used to estimate the tax effect on total share-based payments determined under the fair value-based method for all awards. The Company generally settles stock option exercises and fully vested RSUs and performance shares with either the issuance of new common shares or the issuance of common shares purchased in the open market.

E.**Other Retirement Benefits**

NU provides benefits for retirement and other benefits for certain current and past company officers of NU, including CL&P, PSNH and WMECO. These benefits are accounted for on an accrual basis and expensed over the service lives of the employees. The actuarially-determined liability for these benefits, which is included in Other Long-Term Liabilities on the balance sheets, as well as the related expense, are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| Actuarially-Determined Liability | \$ | 51.3 | \$ | 54.6 | \$ | 52.8 |
| Other Retirement Benefits Expense | | 4.4 | | 4.7 | | 4.7 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | | 2011 | | |
| | CL&P | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | PSNH | WMECO |
| Actuarially-Determined Liability | \$ 0.4 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 0.1 | \$ 0.4 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 0.2 |
| Other Retirement Benefits Expense | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 |

11.**INCOME TAXES**

The tax effect of temporary differences is accounted for in accordance with the rate-making treatment of the applicable regulatory commissions and relevant accounting authoritative literature. The components of income tax expense are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|------|--------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | | 2011 | |
| Current Income Taxes: | | | | | | |
| Federal | \$ | 8.8 | \$ | (30.9) | \$ | 3.0 |
| State | | (9.4) | | 17.6 | | (26.0) |
| Total Current | | (0.6) | | (13.3) | | (23.0) |
| Deferred Income Taxes, Net: | | | | | | |
| Federal | | 386.2 | | 291.3 | | 187.7 |
| State | | 45.4 | | 0.8 | | 9.1 |
| Total Deferred | | 431.6 | | 292.1 | | 196.8 |
| | | (4.1) | | (3.9) | | (2.8) |

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|--|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Investment Tax Credits, Net Income Tax Expense | \$ | 426.9 | \$ | 274.9 | \$ | 171.0 |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2011 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | NSTAR | | | CL&P | Electric | PSNH WMECO |
| Current Income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal | \$ 20.1 | \$ 95.8 | \$ (8.2) | \$ (53.4) | \$ (47.8) | \$ 93.5 | \$ (0.9) | \$ (24.7) | \$ 13.9 | \$ 64.9 | \$ (25.8) | \$ 0.1 |
| State | (6.7) | 29.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 27.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | (34.4) | 30.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Total Current | 13.4 | 125.4 | (4.6) | (49.2) | (44.7) | 121.1 | 2.5 | (21.3) | (20.5) | 95.1 | (25.7) | 0.4 |
| Deferred Income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxes, Net: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal | 114.9 | 49.8 | 64.5 | 84.7 | 141.5 | 11.4 | 46.5 | 51.2 | 106.4 | 74.8 | 67.7 | 22.1 |
| State | 15.1 | (1.0) | 11.2 | 2.3 | (0.5) | (7.1) | 12.0 | 2.7 | 6.2 | (2.8) | 7.9 | 1.0 |
| Total Deferred | 130.0 | 48.8 | 75.7 | 87.0 | 141.0 | 4.3 | 58.5 | 53.9 | 112.6 | 72.0 | 75.6 | 23.1 |
| Investment Tax Credits, Net | (1.7) | (1.3) | - | (0.4) | (1.9) | (1.4) | - | (0.5) | (2.1) | (1.4) | - | (0.3) |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 141.7 | \$ 172.9 | \$ 71.1 | \$ 37.4 | \$ 94.4 | \$ 124.0 | \$ 61.0 | \$ 32.1 | \$ 90.0 | \$ 165.7 | \$ 49.9 | \$ 23.2 |

(1) NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

A reconciliation between income tax expense and the expected tax expense at the statutory rate is as follows:

| NU <i>(Millions of Dollars, except percentages)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | \$ 1,220.6 | \$ 808.0 | \$ 571.5 |
| Statutory Federal Income Tax Expense at 35% | 427.2 | 282.8 | 200.0 |
| Tax Effect of Differences: | | | |
| Depreciation | (7.4) | (10.8) | (14.2) |
| Investment Tax Credit | (4.1) | (3.9) | (2.8) |
| Amortization | | | |
| Other Federal Tax Credits | (3.7) | (3.8) | (3.5) |
| State Income Taxes, Net of Federal Impact | 27.6 | 4.4 | 22.1 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| ESOP | (8.0) | (6.4) | (2.2) |
| Tax Asset Valuation | | | |
| Allowance/Reserve Adjustments | (4.3) | 7.6 | (33.1) |
| Other, Net | (0.4) | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 426.9 | \$ 274.9 | \$ 171.0 |
| Effective Tax Rate | 35.0% | 34.0% | 29.9% |

| (Millions of Dollars, except percentages) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2011 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | |
| | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | \$ 421.1 | \$ 441.4 | \$ 182.5 | \$ 97.8 | \$ 304.2 | \$ 314.2 | \$ 157.9 | \$ 86.6 | \$ 340.2 | \$ 418.2 | \$ 150.2 | \$ 66.0 |
| Statutory Federal Income Tax Expense at 35% | 147.4 | 154.5 | 63.9 | 34.2 | 106.5 | 110.0 | 55.3 | 30.3 | 119.1 | 146.4 | 52.6 | 23.0 |
| Tax Effect of Differences: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation | (7.0) | 0.1 | 0.6 | - | (9.0) | - | (0.3) | 0.2 | (8.1) | - | (4.4) | 0.0 |
| Investment Tax Credit | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization | (1.7) | (1.3) | - | (0.4) | (1.9) | (1.4) | - | (0.5) | (2.1) | (1.4) | - | (0.0) |
| Other Federal Tax Credits | - | - | (3.7) | - | - | - | (3.8) | - | (0.1) | - | (3.4) | - |
| State Income Taxes, Net of Federal Impact | 5.0 | 18.6 | 9.6 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 13.4 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 17.9 | 5.2 | 0.0 |
| Tax Asset Valuation Allowance/Reserve Adjustments | 0.4 | - | - | - | 1.6 | - | - | - | (22.3) | - | - | - |
| Regulatory Decision Non- Plant Flow Through | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1.3) | - | - | - | - |
| Other, Net | (2.4) | 1.0 | 0.7 | (0.6) | (2.9) | 2.0 | (0.2) | (0.6) | (0.5) | 2.8 | (0.1) | (0.0) |
| Income Tax Expense | \$ 141.7 | \$ 172.9 | \$ 71.1 | \$ 37.4 | \$ 94.4 | \$ 124.0 | \$ 61.0 | \$ 32.1 | \$ 90.0 | \$ 165.7 | \$ 49.9 | \$ 23.0 |
| Effective Tax Rate | 33.6% | 39.2% | 39.0% | 38.2% | 31.0% | 39.5% | 38.6% | 37.1% | 26.5% | 39.6% | 33.2% | 35.0% |

⁽¹⁾ NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO file a consolidated federal income tax return and unitary, combined and separate state income tax returns. These entities are also parties to a tax allocation agreement under which taxable subsidiaries do not pay any more taxes than they would have otherwise paid had they filed a separate company tax return, and subsidiaries generating tax losses, if any, are paid for their losses when utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to the net accumulated deferred income tax obligations are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Deferred Tax Assets: | | |
| Employee Benefits | \$ 435.2 | \$ 811.4 |
| Derivative Liabilities and Change in Fair Value of Energy Contracts | 272.9 | 380.6 |
| Regulatory Deferrals | 272.7 | 257.9 |
| Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts | 65.0 | 64.2 |
| Tax Effect - Tax Regulatory Assets | 16.2 | 17.2 |
| Federal Net Operating Loss Carryforwards | 158.0 | 214.6 |
| Purchase Accounting Adjustment | 132.8 | 146.4 |
| Other | 230.6 | 242.4 |
| Total Deferred Tax Assets | 1,583.4 | 2,134.7 |
| Less: Valuation Allowance | 24.3 | 4.2 |
| Net Deferred Tax Assets | \$ 1,559.1 | \$ 2,130.5 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities: | | |
| Accelerated Depreciation and Other Plant-Related Differences | \$ 3,806.5 | \$ 3,468.8 |
| Property Tax Accruals | 95.1 | 89.6 |
| Regulatory Amounts: | | |
| Other Regulatory Deferrals | 1,146.7 | 1,561.1 |
| Tax Effect - Tax Regulatory Assets | 248.2 | 217.2 |
| Goodwill Regulatory Asset - 1999 Merger | 211.5 | 210.9 |
| Derivative Assets | 30.1 | 36.2 |
| Securitized Contract Termination Costs | 0.3 | 16.6 |
| Other | 156.8 | 136.1 |
| Total Deferred Tax Liabilities | \$ 5,695.2 | \$ 5,736.5 |

As of December 31,

| (Millions of Dollars) | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| Deferred Tax Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Benefits | \$ 56.0 | \$ 38.3 | \$ 15.5 | \$ (1.8) | \$ 141.2 | \$ 116.3 | \$ 64.8 | \$ 16.3 |
| Derivative Liabilities and Change in Fair Value of Energy Contracts | 272.4 | 3.3 | - | (2.9) | 375.9 | 5.8 | - | (1.7) |
| Regulatory Deferrals | 61.5 | 114.7 | 40.9 | 1.0 | 35.5 | 123.6 | 43.9 | 6.3 |
| Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts | 31.2 | 15.4 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 30.4 | 16.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Tax Effect - Tax Regulatory Assets | 4.7 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Federal Net Operating Loss Carryforwards | 51.0 | - | 56.6 | 18.6 | 82.0 | - | 71.4 | 15.1 |
| Other | 75.3 | 31.3 | 40.3 | 8.3 | 82.8 | 26.0 | 33.7 | 8.0 |
| Total Deferred Tax Assets | 552.1 | 208.4 | 158.5 | 28.1 | 753.0 | 293.9 | 218.4 | \$ 48.9 |
| Less: Valuation Allowance | 23.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Deferred Tax Assets | \$ 529.0 | \$ 208.4 | \$ 158.5 | \$ 28.1 | \$ 753.0 | \$ 293.9 | \$ 218.4 | \$ 48.9 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Accelerated Depreciation and Other Plant-Related Differences | \$ 1,238.1 | \$ 1,179.4 | \$ 526.6 | \$ 361.1 | \$ 1,194.7 | \$ 1,079.3 | \$ 476.5 | \$ 261.3 |
| Property Tax Accruals | 49.3 | 25.3 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 44.4 | 23.1 | 6.8 | 5.1 |
| Regulatory Amounts: | | | | | | | | |
| Other Regulatory Deferrals | 550.4 | 276.2 | 109.3 | 49.3 | 677.7 | 379.6 | 149.3 | 74.5 |
| Tax Effect - Tax Regulatory Assets | 160.1 | 36.0 | 16.3 | 18.2 | 151.8 | 20.9 | 15.8 | 13.9 |
| Goodwill Regulatory Asset - 1999 Merger | - | 181.6 | - | - | - | 181.0 | - | - |
| Derivative Assets | 29.0 | 0.5 | - | - | 36.2 | - | - | - |
| Securitized Contract Termination Costs | - | - | - | 0.3 | - | 5.5 | 7.9 | 3.3 |
| Other | 20.6 | 26.4 | 28.0 | 3.3 | 10.1 | 30.2 | 14.1 | 2.3 |

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|--------------------------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|-------|----|-------|----|---------|----|---------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Total Deferred Tax Liabilities | \$ | 2,047.5 | \$ | 1,725.4 | \$ | 687.3 | \$ | 438.1 | \$ | 2,114.9 | \$ | 1,719.6 | \$ | 670.4 | \$ | 360.4 |
|--------------------------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|-------|----|-------|----|---------|----|---------|----|-------|----|-------|

Carryforwards: The following tables provide the amounts and expiration dates of state tax credit and loss carryforwards and federal tax credit and net operating loss carryforwards:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, 2013 | | | | | Year Expiration Begins |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | NU | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | |
| Federal Net Operating Loss | \$ 451.3 | \$ 145.8 | \$ - | \$ 161.8 | \$ 53.3 | 2031 |
| Federal Tax Credit | 8.0 | - | - | 7.6 | - | 2031 |
| State Tax Credit | 104.7 | 86.8 | - | - | - | 2013 |
| State Loss Carryforwards | 12.1 | - | - | - | - | 2013 |

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, 2012 | | | | | Year Expiration Begins |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | NU | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | |
| Federal Net Operating Loss | \$ 606.9 | \$ 234.3 | \$ - | \$ 204.0 | \$ 43.3 | 2031 |
| Federal Tax Credit | 3.8 | - | - | 3.8 | - | 2031 |
| State Tax Credit | 110.2 | 75.2 | - | - | - | 2013 |
| State Loss Carryforwards | 74.9 | - | - | - | - | 2013 |

For 2013, state credit and state loss carryforwards have been partially reserved by a valuation allowance of \$23.7 million (net of federal income tax). For 2012, the state loss carryforwards had been partially reserved by a valuation allowance of \$0.3 million (net of federal income tax).

Unrecognized Tax Benefits: A reconciliation of the activity in unrecognized tax benefits, all of which would impact the effective tax rate if recognized, is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU | CL&P |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | \$ 101.2 | \$ 80.8 |
| Gross Increases - Current Year | 8.0 | 1.4 |
| Gross Decreases - Prior Year | (35.7) | (35.7) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | 73.5 | 46.5 |
| Gross Increases - Current Year | 10.3 | 2.5 |
| Gross Increases - Prior Year | 0.1 | - |
| Gross Decreases - Prior Year | (0.8) | - |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | 83.1 | 49.0 |
| Gross Increases - Current Year | 8.2 | 2.1 |
| Gross Decreases - Prior Year | (1.1) | (0.3) |
| Settlements | (49.8) | (39.4) |

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|---------------------------------|----|-------|----|------|
| Lapse of Statute of Limitations | | (2.2) | | - |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$ | 38.2 | \$ | 11.4 |

Interest and Penalties: Interest on uncertain tax positions is recorded and generally classified as a component of Other Interest Expense on the statements of income. However, when resolution of uncertainties results in the Company receiving interest income, any related interest benefit is recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. No penalties have been recorded. If penalties are recorded in the future, then the estimated penalties would be classified as a component of Other Income, Net on the

statements of income. The amount of interest expense/(income) on uncertain tax positions recognized and the related accrued interest payable/(receivable) are as follows:

| Other Interest Expense/(Income) <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | Accrued Interest Expense <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | As of December 31, | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|----------|--|--------------------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | | 2013 | 2012 |
| NU ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (8.6) | \$ 3.1 | \$ (2.8) | NU | \$ 1.5 | \$ 10.1 |
| CL&P | (4.0) | 1.3 | (3.7) | CL&P | - | 4.0 |
| NSTAR Electric | - | - | 2.0 | NSTAR Electric | - | - |
| PSNH | - | - | (0.6) | PSNH | - | - |

(1) NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

Tax Positions: During 2013, NU received a Final Determination from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) that concluded its audit of NU's Connecticut income tax returns for the years 2005 through 2008. The DRS Determination resulted in total NU and CL&P after-tax benefits of \$13.6 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, that included a reduction in NU and CL&P pre-tax interest expense of \$8.7 million and \$4 million, or \$5.2 million and \$2.4 million after-tax, respectively. Further, the income tax expense impact resulted in a tax benefit to NU and CL&P of \$8.4 million and \$4.5 million after-tax, respectively.

During 2011, NU recorded an after-tax benefit of \$29.1 million related to various state tax settlements and certain other adjustments. This benefit was recorded as a reduction to both interest expense and income tax expense (including NU and CL&P tax expense reductions of approximately \$22.4 million).

Open Tax Years: The following table summarizes NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO's tax years that remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions as of December 31, 2013:

| Description | Tax Years |
|---------------|-----------|
| Federal | 2013 |
| Connecticut | 2010-2013 |
| Massachusetts | 2010-2013 |
| New Hampshire | 2010-2013 |

NU estimates that during the next twelve months, differences of a non-timing nature could be resolved, resulting in a zero to \$2.0 million decrease in unrecognized tax benefits by NU. These estimated changes are not expected to have a material impact on the earnings of NU. Other companies' impacts are not expected to be material.

2013 Federal Legislation: On January 2, 2013, the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" became law, which extended the accelerated deduction of depreciation to businesses through 2013. This extended stimulus provided NU with cash flow benefits of approximately \$300 million (approximately \$95 million at CL&P, \$85 million at NSTAR Electric, \$35 million at PSNH, and \$50 million at WMECO).

On September 13, 2013, the Internal Revenue Service issued final Tangible Property regulations that are meant to simplify, clarify and make more administrable previously issued guidance. In the third quarter of 2013, CL&P recorded an after-tax valuation allowance of \$10.5 million against its deferred tax assets as a result of these regulations. NU is in compliance with the new regulations, but continues to evaluate several new potential elections. Therefore, a change to the valuation allowance at CL&P could result once NU completes the review of the impact of the final regulations.

2013 Massachusetts: On July 24, 2013, Massachusetts enacted a law that changed the income tax rate applicable to utility companies effective January 1, 2014, from 6.5 percent to 8 percent. The tax law change required NU to remeasure its accumulated deferred income taxes and resulted in NU increasing its deferred tax liability with an offsetting regulatory asset of approximately \$61 million at its utility companies (\$46.3 million at NSTAR Electric and \$9.8 million at WMECO).

12.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A.

Environmental Matters

General: NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are subject to environmental laws and regulations intended to mitigate or remove the effect of past operations and improve or maintain the quality of the environment. These laws and regulations require the removal or the remedy of the effect on the environment of the disposal or release of certain specified hazardous substances at current and former operating sites. NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO have an active environmental auditing and training program and believe that they are substantially in compliance with all enacted laws and regulations.

Environmental reserves are accrued when assessments indicate it is probable that a liability has been incurred and an amount can be reasonably estimated. The approach used estimates the liability based on the most likely action plan from a variety of available remediation options, including no action required or several different remedies ranging from establishing institutional controls to full site remediation and monitoring.

These estimates are subjective in nature as they take into consideration several different remediation options at each specific site. The reliability and precision of these estimates can be affected by several factors, including new information concerning either the level of

contamination at the site, the extent of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO's responsibility or the extent of remediation required, recently enacted laws and regulations or a change in cost estimates due to certain economic factors.

The amounts recorded as environmental liabilities included in Other Current Liabilities and Other Long-Term Liabilities on the balance sheets represent management's best estimate of the liability for environmental costs, and take into consideration site assessment, remediation and long-term monitoring costs. The environmental liability also takes into account recurring costs of managing hazardous substances and pollutants, mandated expenditures to remediate previously contaminated sites and any other infrequent and non-recurring clean-up costs. A reconciliation of the activity in the environmental reserves is as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU ⁽¹⁾ | | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO | |
|---|-------------------|-------|------|-------|-------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2012 | \$ | 31.7 | \$ | 2.9 | \$ | 1.3 | \$ | 6.6 | \$ | 0.3 |
| Liabilities Assumed from Merger with NSTAR | | 11.8 | | - | | - | | - | | - |
| Additions | | 4.7 | | 1.3 | | 0.7 | | 0.2 | | 0.5 |
| Payments/Reductions | | (8.8) | | (0.5) | | (0.3) | | (1.9) | | (0.2) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | | 39.4 | | 3.7 | | 1.7 | | 4.9 | | 0.6 |
| Additions | | 3.5 | | 0.2 | | 0.2 | | 1.0 | | - |
| Payments/Reductions | | (7.5) | | (0.5) | | (0.7) | | (0.5) | | (0.2) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$ | 35.4 | \$ | 3.4 | \$ | 1.2 | \$ | 5.4 | \$ | 0.4 |

(1)

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

These liabilities are estimated on an undiscounted basis and do not assume that any amounts are recoverable from insurance companies or other third parties. The environmental reserves include sites at different stages of discovery and remediation and do not include any unasserted claims.

It is possible that new information or future developments could require a reassessment of the potential exposure to related environmental matters. As this information becomes available, management will continue to assess the potential exposure and adjust the reserves accordingly.

The number of environmental sites and reserves related to these sites for which remediation or long-term monitoring, preliminary site work or site assessment are being performed are as follows:

| | As of December 31, 2013 | | As of December 31, 2012 | |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Number of Sites | Reserve (in millions) | Number of Sites | Reserve (in millions) |
| NU | 68 | \$ 35.4 | 77 | \$ 39.4 |
| CL&P | 18 | 3.4 | 19 | 3.7 |
| NSTAR Electric | 12 | 1.2 | 16 | 1.7 |
| PSNH | 15 | 5.4 | 16 | 4.9 |
| WMECO | 5 | 0.4 | 6 | 0.6 |

Included in the NU number of sites and reserve amounts above are former MGP sites that were operated several decades ago and manufactured gas from coal and other processes, which resulted in certain by-products remaining in the environment that may pose a potential risk to human health and the environment. The reserve balance related to these former MGP sites was \$31.4 million and \$34.5 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and relates primarily to the natural gas business segment.

As of December 31, 2013, for 6 environmental sites (2 for PSNH, and 1 for WMECO) that are included in the Company's reserve for environmental costs, the information known and nature of the remediation options at those sites allow for the Company to estimate the range of losses for environmental costs. As of December 31, 2013, \$5.8 million (\$0.7 million for PSNH) had been accrued as a liability for these sites, which represent management's best estimates of the liabilities for environmental costs. These amounts are the best estimates with estimated ranges of additional losses from zero to \$30 million (zero to \$4.2 million for PSNH, and zero to \$8.6 million for WMECO).

As of December 31, 2013, for 20 environmental sites (4 for CL&P, 1 for NSTAR Electric, 3 for PSNH, and 2 for WMECO) that are included in the Company's reserve for environmental costs, management cannot reasonably estimate the exposure to loss in excess of the reserve, or range of loss, as these sites are under investigation and/or there is significant uncertainty as to what remedial actions, if any, the Company may be required to undertake. As of December 31, 2013, \$16.7 million (\$1.6 million for CL&P, \$0.1 million for PSNH, and \$0.3 million for WMECO) had been accrued as a liability for these sites. As of December 31, 2013, for the remaining 42 environmental sites (14 for CL&P, 11 for NSTAR Electric, 10 for PSNH, and 2 for WMECO) that are included in the Company's reserve for environmental costs, the \$12.9 million accrual (\$1.8 million for CL&P, \$1.2 million for NSTAR Electric, \$4.6 million for PSNH, and \$0.1 million for WMECO) represents management's best estimate of the liability and no additional loss is anticipated.

CERCLA: The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and its amendments or state equivalents impose joint and several strict liabilities, regardless of fault, upon generators of hazardous substances resulting in removal and remediation costs and environmental damages. Liabilities under these laws can be material and in some instances may be imposed without regard to fault or for past acts that may have been lawful at the time they occurred. Of the 68 sites, 10 sites (2 for CL&P, 3 for NSTAR Electric, 4 for PSNH and 1 for WMECO) are superfund sites under CERCLA for which the Company has been notified that it is a potentially responsible party but for which the site assessment and remediation are not being managed by

the Company. As of December 31, 2013, a liability of \$1 million (\$0.4 million for CL&P, and \$0.3 million for PSNH) accrued on these sites represents management's best estimate of its potential remediation costs with respect to these superfund sites.

Environmental Rate Recovery: PSNH, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas have rate recovery mechanisms for MGP related environmental costs. CL&P recovers a certain level of environmental costs currently in rates but does not have an environmental cost recovery tracking mechanism. Accordingly, changes in CL&P's environmental reserves impact CL&P's Net Income. WMECO does not have a separate regulatory mechanism to recover environmental costs from its customers, and changes in WMECO's environmental reserves impact WMECO's Net Income.

B.

Long-Term Contractual Arrangements

Estimated Future Annual Costs: The estimated future annual costs of significant long-term contractual arrangements as of

December 31, 2013 are as follows:

| NU | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
| Supply and Stranded Cost | \$ 224.2 | \$ 205.2 | \$ 177.7 | \$ 119.9 | \$ 110.4 | \$ 309.3 | \$ 1,146.7 |
| Renewable Energy | 194.5 | 203.8 | 214.1 | 211.9 | 177.3 | 1,885.7 | 2,887.3 |
| Peaker CfDs | 49.1 | 46.9 | 44.3 | 36.2 | 28.6 | 24.7 | 229.8 |
| Natural Gas Procurement | 134.4 | 117.6 | 76.5 | 37.7 | 24.2 | 103.9 | 494.3 |
| Coal, Wood and Other | 75.3 | 15.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 16.8 | 122.3 |
| Transmission Support Commitments | 27.9 | 26.9 | 20.5 | 18.0 | 22.6 | 45.2 | 161.1 |
| Total | \$ 705.4 | \$ 615.6 | \$ 538.1 | \$ 428.7 | \$ 368.1 | \$ 2,385.6 | \$ 5,041.5 |
| CL&P | | | | | | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
| Supply and Stranded Cost | \$ 145.6 | \$ 141.1 | \$ 143.7 | \$ 96.2 | \$ 87.1 | \$ 257.6 | \$ 871.3 |
| Renewable Energy | 48.9 | 49.9 | 50.3 | 50.8 | 51.4 | 560.2 | 811.5 |
| Peaker CfDs | 49.1 | 46.9 | 44.3 | 36.2 | 28.6 | 24.7 | 229.8 |
| Transmission Support Commitments | 11.0 | 10.6 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 17.8 | 63.5 |
| Yankee Billings | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 12.3 | 17.6 |
| Total | \$ 256.1 | \$ 249.9 | \$ 247.2 | \$ 191.1 | \$ 176.8 | \$ 872.6 | \$ 1,993.7 |
| NSTAR Electric | | | | | | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
| Supply and Stranded Cost | \$ 36.2 | \$ 36.1 | \$ 15.8 | \$ 5.6 | \$ 5.5 | \$ 36.8 | \$ 136.0 |
| Renewable Energy | 87.1 | 86.3 | 85.8 | 81.9 | 45.4 | 207.4 | 593.9 |
| Transmission Support Commitments | 8.7 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 7.0 | 14.1 | 50.2 |
| Yankee Billings | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 6.3 |
| Total | \$ 132.7 | \$ 131.3 | \$ 108.3 | \$ 93.4 | \$ 58.2 | \$ 262.5 | \$ 786.4 |

PSNH

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Supply and Stranded Cost | \$ 42.4 | \$ 28.0 | \$ 18.2 | \$ 18.1 | \$ 17.8 | \$ 14.9 | \$ 139.4 |
| Renewable Energy | 56.8 | 57.7 | 67.9 | 69.0 | 70.1 | 995.2 | 1,316.7 |
| Coal, Wood and Other | 75.3 | 15.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 16.8 | 122.3 |
| Transmission Support Commitments | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 9.6 | 34.1 |
| Yankee Billings | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 6.4 |
| Total | \$ 180.7 | \$ 106.9 | \$ 95.7 | \$ 96.2 | \$ 98.0 | \$ 1,041.4 | \$ 1,618.9 |

WMECO

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Renewable Energy | \$ 1.7 | \$ 9.9 | \$ 10.1 | \$ 10.2 | \$ 10.4 | \$ 122.9 | \$ 165.2 |
| Transmission Support Commitments | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 13.3 |
| Yankee Billings | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 4.5 |
| Total | \$ 4.4 | \$ 12.5 | \$ 12.0 | \$ 11.9 | \$ 12.5 | \$ 129.7 | \$ 183.0 |

Supply and Stranded Cost: CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH have various IPP contracts or purchase obligations for electricity, including payment obligations resulting from the buydown of electricity purchase contracts. Such contracts extend through 2024 for CL&P, 2030 for NSTAR Electric and 2023 for PSNH.

In addition, CL&P and UI have entered into four CfDs for a total of approximately 787 MW of capacity consisting of three generation projects and one demand response project. The capacity CfDs extend through 2026 and obligate the utilities to make or receive payments on a monthly basis to or from the generation facilities based on the difference between a set capacity price and the forward capacity market prices received by the generation facilities in the ISO-NE capacity markets. The contracts have terms of up to 15 years beginning in 2009 and are subject to a sharing agreement with UI, whereby UI will share 20 percent of the costs and benefits of these contracts. CL&P's portion of the costs and benefits of these contracts will be paid by or refunded to CL&P's customers.

The contractual obligations table does not include CL&P's SS or LRS, or NSTAR Electric's or WMECO's default service contracts, the amounts of which vary with customers' energy needs. The contractual obligations table also does not include PSNH's short-term power supply management.

Renewable Energy: Renewable energy contracts include non-cancellable commitments under contracts of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO for the purchase of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities. Such contracts have terms extending for 20 years at CL&P, up to 40 years at NSTAR Electric, up to 30 years for PSNH and 15 years for WMECO.

On September 20, 2013, NSTAR Electric and WMECO, along with two other Massachusetts utilities, signed a long-term commitment, as required by the DPU, to purchase wind power from six wind farms in Maine and New Hampshire for a combined estimated generating capacity of approximately 565 MW. On November 21, 2013, the utility companies provided a supplemental filing to the DPU to reflect the termination of three of the six wind farms. Over the 15-year life of the remaining contracts, the utilities will pay an average price of less than \$0.08 per kWh. On September 19, 2013, CL&P, along with another Connecticut utility, signed long-term commitments, as required by the PURA, to purchase approximately 250 MW of wind power from a Maine wind farm and 20 MW of solar power from sites in Connecticut, at a combined average price of less than \$0.08 per kWh. The table above does not include these commitments, as such commitments are contingent on the future construction of the respective energy facilities. The table above also does not include NSTAR Electric's commitment to purchase 129 MW of renewable energy from a wind facility to be constructed offshore and certain other CL&P and NSTAR Electric commitments for the purchase of renewable energy and related products that are contingent on the future construction of facilities.

Peaker CfDs: In 2008, CL&P entered into three CfDs with developers of peaking generation units approved by the PURA (Peaker CfDs). These units have a total of approximately 500 MW of peaking capacity. As directed by the PURA, CL&P and UI have entered into a sharing agreement, whereby CL&P is responsible for 80 percent and UI for 20 percent of the net costs or benefits of these CfDs. The Peaker CfDs pay the developer the difference between capacity, forward reserve and energy market revenues and a cost-of-service payment stream for 30 years. The ultimate cost or benefit to CL&P under these contracts will depend on the costs of plant operation and the prices that the projects receive for capacity and other products in the ISO-NE markets. CL&P's portion of the amounts paid or received under the Peaker CfDs will be recoverable from or refunded to CL&P's customers.

Natural Gas Procurement: NU's natural gas distribution businesses have long-term contracts for the purchase, transportation and storage of natural gas in the normal course of business as part of its portfolio of supplies. These contracts extend through 2029.

Coal, Wood and Other: PSNH has entered into various arrangements for the purchase of wood, coal and the transportation services for fuel supply for its electric generating assets. Also included in the table above is a contract for capacity on the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) pipeline that extends through 2018. The costs on this contract are not recoverable from customers.

Transmission Support Commitments: Along with other New England utilities, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO entered into agreements in 1985 to support transmission and terminal facilities that were built to import electricity from the Hydro-Québec system in Canada. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are obligated to pay, over a 30-year period ending in 2020, their proportionate shares of the annual operation and maintenance expenses and capital costs of those facilities.

The total costs incurred under these agreements in 2013, 2012, and 2011 were as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
| Supply and Stranded Cost | \$ 141.0 | \$ 216.8 | \$ 156.0 |
| Renewable Energy | 91.3 | 48.7 | 5.1 |
| Peaker CfDs | 51.9 | 59.3 | 40.2 |
| Natural Gas Procurement | 349.8 | 243.1 | 191.7 |
| Coal, Wood and Other | 112.6 | 105.2 | 113.2 |
| Transmission Support | 24.9 | 24.8 | 18.1 |
| Commitments | | | |

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| | 2013 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2011 | | | |
| | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | | NSTAR | |
| Supply and Stranded Cost | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO | CL&P | Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
| | \$ 77.6 | \$ 32.4 | \$ 29.0 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 158.2 | \$ 36.3 | \$ 30.5 | \$ 0.9 | \$ 114.9 | \$ 80.9 | \$ 40.8 | \$ 0.3 |
| Renewable Energy | - | 84.9 | 6.4 | - | - | 60.2 | 4.1 | - | - | 61.8 | 5.1 | - |
| Peaker CfDs | 51.9 | - | - | - | 59.3 | - | - | - | 40.2 | - | - | - |
| Coal, Wood and Other | - | - | 112.6 | - | - | - | 105.2 | - | - | - | 113.2 | - |
| Transmission Support | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commitments | 9.8 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 10.3 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 2.2 |

(1)

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

C.

Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO have decommissioning and plant closure cost obligations to the Yankee Companies, which have each completed the physical decommissioning of their respective nuclear facilities and are now engaged in the long-term storage of their spent fuel. The Yankee Companies collect decommissioning and closure costs through wholesale, FERC-approved rates charged under power purchase agreements with several New England utilities, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. These companies in turn recover these costs from their customers through state regulatory commission-approved retail rates.

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO's percentage share of the obligations to support the Yankee Companies under FERC-approved rate tariffs is the same as their respective ownership percentages in the Yankee Companies.

For further information on the ownership percentages, see Note 1J, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Equity Method Investments," to the financial statements.

The Yankee Companies have collected or are currently collecting amounts that management believes are adequate to recover the remaining decommissioning and closure cost estimates for the respective plants. Management believes CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO will recover their shares of these decommissioning and closure obligations from their customers. PSNH has already recovered its share of these costs from its customers.

Spent Nuclear Fuel Litigation:

DOE Phase I Damages - In 1998, the Yankee Companies filed separate complaints against the DOE in the Court of Federal Claims seeking monetary damages resulting from the DOE's failure to begin accepting spent nuclear fuel for disposal by January 31, 1998 pursuant to the terms of the 1983 spent fuel and high level waste disposal contracts between the Yankee Companies and the DOE (DOE Phase I Damages). Phase I covered damages for the period 1998 through 2002. Following multiple appeals and cross-appeals in December 2012, the judgment awarding CYAPC \$39.6 million, YAEC \$38.3 million and MYAPC \$81.7 million became final.

In January 2013, the proceeds from the DOE Phase I Damages Claim were received by the Yankee Companies and transferred to each Yankee Company's respective decommissioning trust. As a result of NU's consolidation of CYAPC and YAEC, the financial statements reflected an increase of \$77.9 million in marketable securities for CYAPC and YAEC's Phase I damage awards that were invested in the nuclear decommissioning trusts in 2013.

On May 1, 2013, CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC filed applications with the FERC to reduce rates in their wholesale power contracts through the application of the DOE proceeds for the benefit of customers. In its June 27, 2013 order, the FERC granted the proposed rate reductions, and changes to the terms of the wholesale power contracts to become effective on July 1, 2013. In accordance with the FERC order, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO began receiving the benefit of the DOE proceeds, and the benefits have been or will be passed on to customers.

DOE Phase II Damages - In December 2007, the Yankee Companies each filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE seeking recovery of actual damages incurred in the years following 2001 and 2002 related to the alleged failure of the DOE to provide for a permanent facility to store spent nuclear fuel generated in years after 2001 for CYAPC and YAEC and after 2002 for MYAPC (DOE Phase II Damages). On November 18, 2011, the court ordered the record closed in the YAEC case, and closed the record in the CYAPC and MYAPC cases subject to a limited opportunity of the government to reopen the records for further limited proceedings.

On November 15, 2013, the court issued a final judgment awarding CYAPC \$126.3 million, YAEC \$73.3 million, and MYAPC \$35.8 million. On January 14, 2014, the Yankee Companies received a letter from the U.S. Department of

Justice stating that the DOE will not appeal the court's final judgment. As of December 31, 2013, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO, CYAPC, and YAEC have not reflected the impact of these expected receivables on their financial statements.

The methodology for applying the DOE Phase II Damages recovered from the DOE for the benefit of customers of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO will be addressed in FERC rate proceedings.

DOE Phase III Damages - On August 15, 2013, the Yankee Companies each filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE seeking recovery of actual damages incurred in the years 2009 through 2012. Responsive pleading from the Department of Justice was filed on November 18, 2013, and discovery is expected to begin once a protective order is in place.

D.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

NU parent provides credit assurances on behalf of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, in the form of guarantees in the normal course of business.

NU provided guarantees and various indemnifications on behalf of external parties as a result of the sales of former subsidiaries of NU Enterprises, with maximum exposures either not specified or not material.

NU also issued a guaranty under which, beginning at the time the Northern Pass Transmission line goes into commercial operation, NU will guarantee the financial obligations of NPT under the TSA in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. NU's obligations under the guaranty expire upon the full, final and indefeasible payment of the guaranteed obligations.

Management does not anticipate a material impact to Net Income as a result of these various guarantees and indemnifications.

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The following table summarizes NU's guarantees of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, as of December 31, 2013:

| Subsidiary | Description | Maximum Exposure (in millions) | Expiration Dates |
|-------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Various | Surety Bonds | \$ 69.2 | 2014 - 2016 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Various | NE Hydro Companies' Long-Term Debt | \$ 3.5 | Unspecified |
| NUSCO and RRR | Lease Payments for Vehicles and Real Estate | \$ 17.7 | 2019 and 2024 |

(1)

Surety bond expiration dates reflect termination dates, the majority of which will be renewed or extended.

Many of the underlying contracts that NU parent guarantees, as well as certain surety bonds, contain credit ratings triggers that would require NU parent to post collateral in the event that the unsecured debt credit ratings of NU are downgraded.

E.

FERC Base ROE Complaint

On September 30, 2011, several New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates and other parties filed a joint complaint with the FERC under Sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act alleging that the base ROE used in calculating formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff by NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, is unjust and unreasonable. The complainants asserted that the current 11.14 percent rate, which became effective in 2006, is excessive due to changes in the capital markets and are seeking an order to reduce the rate, which would be effective October 1, 2011. In response, the NETOs filed testimony and analysis based on standard FERC methodology and precedent demonstrating that the base ROE of 11.14 percent remained just and reasonable. The FERC set the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful in August 2012.

Hearings before the FERC ALJ were held in May 2013, followed by the filing of briefs by the complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities (late interveners to the case), the FERC trial staff and the NETOs. The NETOs recommended that the current base ROE of 11.14 percent should remain in effect for the refund period (October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012) and the prospective period (beginning when FERC issues its final decision). The complainants, the Massachusetts municipal electric utilities, and the FERC trial staff each recommended a base ROE of 9 percent or below.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision, finding that the base ROE in effect from October 2011 through December 2012 was not reasonable under the standard application of FERC methodology, but leaving policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC. Using the established FERC methodology, the FERC ALJ determined that separate base ROEs should be set for the refund period and the prospective period. The FERC ALJ found those base ROEs to be 10.6 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively. The FERC may adjust the prospective period base ROE in its final decision to reflect movement in 10-year Treasury bond rates from the date that the case was filed (April 2013) to the date of the final decision. The parties filed briefs on this decision with the FERC, and a decision from the FERC is expected in 2014. Though NU cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this proceeding, in 2013 the Company recorded a series of reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC ALJ's initial decision for the refund period. The aggregate after-tax charge to earnings totaled \$14.3 million at NU, which represents reserves of \$7.7 million at CL&P, \$3.4 million at NSTAR Electric, \$1.4 million at PSNH and \$1.8 million at WMECO.

On December 27, 2012, several additional parties filed a separate complaint concerning the NETOs' base ROE with the FERC. This complaint seeks to reduce the NETOs' base ROE effective January 1, 2013, effectively extending the refund period for an additional 15 months, and to consolidate this complaint with the joint complaint filed on September 30, 2011. The NETOs have asked the FERC to reject this complaint. The FERC has not yet acted on this complaint, and management is unable to predict the ultimate outcome or estimate the impacts of this complaint on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

As of December 31, 2013, the CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO aggregate shareholder equity invested in their transmission facilities was approximately \$2.3 billion. As a result, each 10 basis point change in the prospective period authorized base ROE would change annual consolidated earnings by an approximate \$2.3 million.

F.

DPU Safety and Reliability Programs - CPSL

Since 2006, NSTAR Electric has been recovering incremental costs related to the DPU-approved Safety and Reliability Programs. From 2006 through 2011, cumulative costs associated with the CPSL program resulted in an incremental revenue requirement to customers of approximately \$83 million. These amounts included incremental operations and maintenance costs and the related revenue requirement for specific capital investments relative to the CPSL programs.

On May 28, 2010, the DPU issued an order on NSTAR Electric's 2006 CPSL cost recovery filing (the May 2010 Order). In October 2010, NSTAR Electric filed a reconciliation of the cumulative CPSL program activity for the periods 2006 through 2009 with the DPU in order to determine a proposed rate adjustment. The DPU allowed the proposed rates to go into effect January 1, 2011, subject to final reconciliation of CPSL program costs through a future DPU proceeding. In February 2013, NSTAR Electric updated the October 2010 filing with final activity through 2011. NSTAR Electric recorded its 2006 through 2011 revenues under the CPSL programs based on the May 2010 Order.

NSTAR Electric cannot predict the timing of a final DPU order related to its CPSL filings for the period 2006 through 2011. While management does not believe that any subsequent DPU order would result in revenues that are materially different than the amounts already recognized, it is reasonably possible that an order could have a material impact on NSTAR Electric's results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

The April 4, 2012 DPU-approved comprehensive merger settlement agreement with the Massachusetts Attorney General stipulates that NSTAR Electric must incur a revenue requirement of at least \$15 million per year for 2012 through 2015 related to these programs. CPSL revenues will end once NSTAR Electric has recovered its 2015-related CPSL costs. Realization of these revenues is subject to maintaining certain performance metrics over the four-year period and DPU approval. As of December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric was in compliance with the performance metrics and has recognized the entire \$15 million revenue requirement during 2013 and 2012.

G.

Basic Service Bad Debt Adder

In accordance with a generic DPU order, electric utilities in Massachusetts recover the energy-related portion of bad debt costs in their Basic Service rates. In 2007, NSTAR Electric filed its 2006 Basic Service reconciliation with the DPU proposing an adjustment related to the increase of its Basic Service bad debt charge-offs. The DPU issued an order approving the implementation of a revised Basic Service rate but instructed NSTAR Electric to reduce distribution rates by an amount equal to the increase in its Basic Service bad debt charge-offs. This adjustment to NSTAR Electric's distribution rates would eliminate the fully reconciling nature of the Basic Service bad debt adder.

In 2010, NSTAR Electric filed an appeal of the DPU's order with the SJC. In 2012, the SJC vacated the DPU order and remanded the matter to the DPU for further review. The DPU has not taken any action on the remand.

NSTAR Electric deferred approximately \$34 million of costs associated with energy-related bad debt as a regulatory asset through 2011 as NSTAR Electric had concluded that it was probable that these costs would ultimately be recovered from customers. Due to the delays and the duration of the proceedings, NSTAR Electric concluded that while an ultimate outcome on the matter in its favor remained "more likely than not," it could no longer be deemed "probable." As a result, NSTAR Electric recognized a reserve related to the regulatory asset in 2012. NSTAR Electric will continue to maintain the reserve until the proceeding has been concluded with the DPU.

H.

Litigation and Legal Proceedings

NU, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, are involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings regarding matters arising in the ordinary course of business, which involve management's assessment to determine the probability of whether a loss will occur and, if probable, its best estimate of probable loss. The Company records and discloses losses when these losses are probable and reasonably estimable, discloses matters when losses are probable

but not estimable or reasonably possible, and expenses legal costs related to the defense of loss contingencies as incurred.

13.

LEASES

NU, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, has entered into lease agreements, some of which are capital leases, for the use of data processing and office equipment, vehicles, service centers, and office space. In addition, CL&P, PSNH and WMECO incur costs associated with leases entered into by NUSCO and RRR, which are included below in their respective operating lease rental expenses and future minimum rental payments. These intercompany lease amounts are eliminated on an NU consolidated basis. The provisions of the NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO lease agreements generally contain renewal options. Certain lease agreements contain payments impacted by the commercial paper rate plus a credit spread or the consumer price index.

Operating lease rental payments charged to expense are as follows:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | NU ⁽¹⁾ | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | WMECO |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 2013 | \$ 16.3 | \$ 8.1 | \$ 6.7 | \$ 1.7 | \$ 2.9 |
| 2012 | 14.8 | 8.2 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| 2011 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 19.8 | 2.1 | 2.8 |

(1)

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

Future minimum rental payments to external third parties excluding executory costs, such as property taxes, state use taxes, insurance, and maintenance, under long-term noncancelable leases, as of December 31, 2013 are as follows:

Capital Leases

(Millions of Dollars)

| | | NU | | CL&P | | PSNH |
|--|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| 2014 | \$ | 2.6 | \$ | 2.1 | \$ | 0.4 |
| 2015 | | 2.4 | | 2.0 | | 0.4 |
| 2016 | | 2.2 | | 1.9 | | 0.3 |
| 2017 | | 2.1 | | 2.0 | | 0.1 |
| 2018 | | 2.1 | | 2.0 | | 0.1 |
| Thereafter | | 5.4 | | 5.4 | | - |
| Future minimum lease payments | | 16.8 | | 15.4 | | 1.3 |
| Less amount representing interest | | 6.1 | | 6.1 | | - |
| Present value of future minimum lease payments | \$ | 10.7 | \$ | 9.3 | \$ | 1.3 |

Operating Leases

(Millions of Dollars)

| | | NU | | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO |
|-------------------------------|----|------|----|------|----|-------------------|----|------|----|-------|
| 2014 | \$ | 20.1 | \$ | 4.0 | \$ | 10.9 | \$ | 1.0 | \$ | 1.1 |
| 2015 | | 18.1 | | 3.6 | | 10.1 | | 0.9 | | 0.7 |
| 2016 | | 15.4 | | 2.9 | | 8.9 | | 0.8 | | 0.5 |
| 2017 | | 12.4 | | 1.7 | | 7.7 | | 0.6 | | 0.3 |
| 2018 | | 8.5 | | 1.2 | | 5.1 | | 0.5 | | 0.2 |
| Thereafter | | 22.3 | | 4.7 | | 11.7 | | 1.3 | | 1.0 |
| Future minimum lease payments | \$ | 96.8 | \$ | 18.1 | \$ | 54.4 | \$ | 5.1 | \$ | 3.8 |

CL&P entered into certain contracts for the purchase of energy that qualify as leases. These contracts do not have minimum lease payments and therefore are not included in the tables above. However, such contracts have been included in the contractual obligations table in Note 12B, "Commitments and Contingencies - Long-Term Contractual Arrangements," to the financial statements.

14.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each of the following financial instruments:

Preferred Stock, Long-Term Debt and Rate Reduction Bonds: The fair value of CL&P's and NSTAR Electric's preferred stock is based upon pricing models that incorporate interest rates and other market factors, valuations or

trades of similar securities and cash flow projections. The fair value of fixed-rate long-term debt securities and RRBs is based upon pricing models that incorporate quoted market prices for those issues or similar issues adjusted for market conditions, credit ratings of the respective companies and treasury benchmark yields. Adjustable rate long-term debt securities are assumed to have a fair value equal to their carrying value. The fair values provided in the tables below are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Carrying amounts and estimated fair values are as follows:

| NU (Millions of Dollars) | 2013 | | As of December 31, 2012 | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | \$ 155.6 | \$ 152.7 | \$ 155.6 | \$ 152.2 |
| Long-Term Debt | 8,310.2 | 8,443.1 | 7,963.5 | 8,640.7 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | - | 82.1 | 83.0 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, 2013 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO | |
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | \$ 116.2 | \$ 110.5 | \$ 43.0 | \$ 42.2 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Long-Term Debt | 2,741.2 | 2,952.8 | 1,801.1 | 1,888.0 | 1,049.0 | 1,073.9 | 629.4 | 640.1 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, 2012 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | | WMECO | |
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | \$ 116.2 | \$ 110.0 | \$ 43.0 | \$ 42.2 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Long-Term Debt | 2,862.8 | 3,295.4 | 1,602.6 | 1,818.8 | 997.9 | 1,088.0 | 605.3 | 660.4 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | - | - | 43.5 | 43.9 | 29.3 | 29.6 | 9.4 | 9.5 |

Derivative Instruments: Derivative instruments are carried at fair value. For further information, see Note 5, "Derivative Instruments," to the financial statements.

Other Financial Instruments: Investments in marketable securities are carried at fair value. For further information, see Note 1H, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," and Note 6, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements. The carrying value of other financial instruments included in current assets and current liabilities, including cash and cash equivalents and special deposits, approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

15.

ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) by component, net of tax effect, is as follows:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 | | | | Total |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|----|--------|
| | Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Available-for-Sale Securities | Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plans | | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | | | | |
| AOCI as of January 1, 2013 | \$ (16.4) | \$ 1.3 | \$ (57.8) | \$ | (72.9) |
| Other Comprehensive Income Before Reclassifications | - | (0.9) | 19.4 | | 18.5 |
| Amounts Reclassified from AOCI | 2.0 | - | 6.4 | | 8.4 |
| Net Other Comprehensive Income | 2.0 | (0.9) | 25.8 | | 26.9 |
| AOCI as of December 31, 2013 | \$ (14.4) | \$ 0.4 | \$ (32.0) | \$ | (46.0) |

NU's qualified cash flow hedging instruments represent interest rate swap agreements on debt issuances that were settled in prior years. The settlement amount was recorded in AOCI and is being amortized into Net Income over the term of the underlying debt instrument. CL&P, PSNH and WMECO continue to amortize interest rate swaps settled in prior years from AOCI into Interest Expense over the remaining life of the associated long-term debt, which are not material to their respective financial statements.

The tax effects of Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan actuarial gains and losses that arose during 2013, 2012 and 2011 were recognized in AOCI as a net deferred tax liability of \$11.4 million in 2013 and net deferred tax assets of \$6.2 million and \$10.2 million in 2012 and 2011, respectively. In addition, the tax effect of the loss on qualified cash flow hedging instrument settlements that arose during 2011 was recognized in AOCI as a deferred tax asset of \$10.2 million in 2011. The tax effects of unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities that arose during 2013, 2012 and 2011 were not material.

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The following table sets forth the amount reclassified from AOCI by component and the impacted line item on the statements of income:

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | Statements of Income Line Item Impacted |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| | 2013 Amount Reclassified from AOCI | 2012 Amount Reclassified from AOCI | 2011 Amount Reclassified from AOCI | |
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | \$ (3.4) | \$ (3.3) | \$ (1.3) | Interest Expense |
| Tax Effect | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | Income Tax Expense |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments, Net of Tax | \$ (2.0) | \$ (2.0) | \$ (0.7) | |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs: | | | | |
| Amortization of Actuarial Losses | \$ (10.5) | \$ (8.9) | \$ (5.7) | Operations and Maintenance ⁽¹⁾ |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.3) | Operations and Maintenance ⁽¹⁾ |
| Amortization of Transition Obligation | - | (0.2) | (0.2) | Operations and Maintenance ⁽¹⁾ |
| Total Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs | (10.7) | (9.3) | (6.2) | Operations and Maintenance ⁽¹⁾ |
| Tax Effect | 4.3 | 3.5 | 2.3 | Income Tax Expense |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs, Net of Tax | \$ (6.4) | \$ (5.8) | \$ (3.9) | |
| Total Amount Reclassified from AOCI, Net of Tax | \$ (8.4) | \$ (7.8) | \$ (4.6) | |

(1)

These amounts are included in the computation of net periodic Pension, SERP and PBOP costs. See Note 10A, "Employee Benefits - Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions," for further information.

As of December 31, 2013, it is estimated that a pre-tax amount of \$3.4 million (\$0.7 million for CL&P, \$2 million for PSNH and \$0.5 million for WMECO) will be reclassified from AOCI as a decrease to Net Income over the next 12 months as a result of the amortization of the interest rate swap agreements, which have been settled. In addition, it is estimated that a pre-tax amount of \$6.5 million will be reclassified from AOCI as a decrease to Net Income over the next 12 months as a result of the amortization of Pension, SERP and PBOP costs.

16.

DIVIDEND RESTRICTIONS

NU parent's ability to pay dividends may be affected by certain state statutes, the ability of its subsidiaries to pay common dividends and the leverage restriction tied to its consolidated total debt to total capitalization ratio requirement in its revolving credit agreement.

CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are subject to Section 305 of the Federal Power Act that makes it unlawful for a public utility to make or pay a dividend from any funds "properly included in its capital account." Management believes that this Federal Power Act restriction, as applied to CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, would not be construed or applied by the FERC to prohibit the payment of dividends for lawful and legitimate business purposes from retained earnings. In addition, certain state statutes may impose additional limitations on such companies and on Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas. Such state law restrictions do not restrict payment of dividends from retained earnings or net income. Pursuant to the joint revolving credit agreement of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, and the NSTAR Electric revolving credit agreement, each company is required to maintain consolidated total debt to total capitalization ratio of no greater than 65 percent at all times. As of December 31, 2013, all companies were in compliance with such covenant. The Retained Earnings balances subject to these restrictions were \$2.1 billion for NU, \$961.5 million for CL&P, \$1.4 billion for NSTAR Electric, \$438.5 million for PSNH and \$181 million for WMECO as of December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2013, NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas were in compliance with all such provisions of the revolving credit agreements that may restrict the payment of dividends. PSNH is further required to reserve an additional amount under its FERC hydroelectric license conditions. As of December 31, 2013, approximately \$12.7 million of PSNH's Retained Earnings was subject to restriction under its FERC hydroelectric license conditions and PSNH was in compliance with this provision.

17.

COMMON SHARES

The following table sets forth the NU common shares and the shares of common stock of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO that were authorized and issued and the respective per share par values:

| | | | Shares | |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Per Share | Authorized | Issued | |
| | Par Value | As of December | As of December 31, | |
| | | 31, | 2013 | 2012 |
| | | 2013 and 2012 | | |
| NU | \$ 5 | 380,000,000 | 333,113,492 | 332,509,383 |
| CL&P | \$ 10 | 24,500,000 | 6,035,205 | 6,035,205 |
| | \$ 1 | 100,000,000 | 100 | 100 |

| | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|-------------|---------|---------|
| NSTAR | | | | | |
| Electric | | | | | |
| PSNH | \$ | 1 | 100,000,000 | 301 | 301 |
| WMECO | \$ | 25 | 1,072,471 | 434,653 | 434,653 |

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, there were 17,796,672 and 18,455,749 NU common shares held as treasury shares, respectively.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, NU common shares outstanding were 315,273,559 and 314,053,634, respectively.

18.

PREFERRED STOCK NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REDEMPTION

The CL&P and NSTAR Electric preferred stock is not subject to mandatory redemption and is presented as a noncontrolling interest of a subsidiary in NU's financial statements.

CL&P Preferred Stock: CL&P's charter authorizes it to issue up to 9 million shares of preferred stock (\$50 par value per share). CL&P amended its charter on January 3, 2012 to remove references to various series of preferred stock, including the Class A preferred stock, which were no longer outstanding. The issuance of additional preferred shares would be subject to PURA approval. Preferred stockholders have liquidation rights equal to the par value of the preferred stock, which they would receive in preference to any distributions to any junior stock. Were there to be a shortfall, all preferred stockholders would share ratably in available liquidation assets.

NSTAR Electric Preferred Stock: NSTAR Electric is authorized to issue 2,890,000 shares (\$100 par value per share). NSTAR Electric has two outstanding series of cumulative preferred stock. Upon liquidation, holders of cumulative preferred stock are entitled to receive a liquidation preference before any distribution to holders of common stock. The liquidation preference for each outstanding series of cumulative preferred stock is equal to the par value, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. Were there to be a shortfall, holders of cumulative preferred stock would share ratably in available liquidation assets.

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Details of preferred stock not subject to mandatory redemption are as follows (in millions except in redemption price and shares):

| Series | Redemption Price Per Share | Shares Outstanding as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 | As of December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------|----------|
| | | | 2013 | 2012 | |
| CL&P | | | | | |
| \$ 1.90 | Series of 1947 | \$ 52.50 | 163,912 | \$ 8.2 | \$ 8.2 |
| \$ 2.00 | Series of 1947 | \$ 54.00 | 336,088 | 16.8 | 16.8 |
| \$ 2.04 | Series of 1949 | \$ 52.00 | 100,000 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| \$ 2.20 | Series of 1949 | \$ 52.50 | 200,000 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 3.90 % | Series of 1949 | \$ 50.50 | 160,000 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| \$ 2.06 | Series E of 1954 | \$ 51.00 | 200,000 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| \$ 2.09 | Series F of 1955 | \$ 51.00 | 100,000 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 4.50 % | Series of 1956 | \$ 50.75 | 104,000 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 4.96 % | Series of 1958 | \$ 50.50 | 100,000 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 4.50 % | Series of 1963 | \$ 50.50 | 160,000 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| 5.28 % | Series of 1967 | \$ 51.43 | 200,000 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| \$ 3.24 | Series G of 1968 | \$ 51.84 | 300,000 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| 6.56 % | Series of 1968 | \$ 51.44 | 200,000 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Total CL&P | | | 2,324,000 | \$ 116.2 | \$ 116.2 |
| NSTAR Electric | | | | | |
| 4.25 % | Series | \$ 103.625 | 180,000 | \$ 18.0 | \$ 18.0 |
| 4.78 % | Series | \$ 102.80 | 250,000 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| Total NSTAR Electric | | | 430,000 | \$ 43.0 | \$ 43.0 |
| Fair Value Adjustment due to Merger with NSTAR | | | | (3.6) | (3.6) |
| Total NU - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries | | | | \$ 155.6 | \$ 155.6 |

19. COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

A summary of the changes in Common Shareholders' Equity and Noncontrolling Interests of NU is as follows:

| | Common Shareholders' Equity | Noncontrolling Interest | Total Equity | Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | | | | |
| Balance as of January 1, 2011 | \$ 3,811.2 | \$ 1.5 | \$ 3,812.7 | \$ 116.2 |
| Net Income | 400.5 | - | 400.5 | - |
| Dividends on Common Shares | (195.6) | - | (195.6) | - |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (5.6) | - | (5.6) | (5.6) |
| Issuance of Common Shares | 5.9 | - | 5.9 | - |
| Contributions to NPT | - | 1.2 | 1.2 | - |
| Other Transactions, Net | 23.9 | - | 23.9 | - |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (0.3) | 0.3 | - | 5.6 |

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| | | | | |
|--|------------|--------|------------|----------|
| Other Comprehensive Loss (Note 15) | (27.3) | - | (27.3) | - |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 4,012.7 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 4,015.7 | \$ 116.2 |
| Net Income | 533.1 | - | 533.1 | - |
| Purchase Price of NSTAR ⁽¹⁾ | 5,038.3 | - | 5,038.3 | - |
| Other Equity Impacts of Merger with NSTAR ⁽²⁾ | 3.4 | (3.4) | - | 39.4 |
| Dividends on Common Shares | (375.5) | - | (375.5) | - |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (7.0) | - | (7.0) | (7.0) |
| Issuance of Common Shares | 13.3 | - | 13.3 | - |
| Contributions to NPT | - | 0.3 | 0.3 | - |
| Other Transactions, Net | 21.1 | - | 21.1 | - |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (0.1) | 0.1 | - | 7.0 |
| Other Comprehensive Loss (Note 15) | (2.2) | - | (2.2) | - |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 9,237.1 | \$ - | \$ 9,237.1 | \$ 155.6 |
| Net Income | 793.7 | - | 793.7 | - |
| Dividends on Common Shares | (462.7) | - | (462.7) | - |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (7.7) | - | (7.7) | (7.7) |
| Issuance of Common Shares | 11.1 | - | 11.1 | - |
| Other Transactions, Net | 13.2 | - | 13.2 | - |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | - | - | - | 7.7 |
| Other Comprehensive Income (Note 15) | 26.8 | - | 26.8 | - |
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$ 9,611.5 | \$ - | \$ 9,611.5 | \$ 155.6 |

(1)

On April 10, 2012, NU issued approximately 136 million common shares to the NSTAR shareholders in connection with the merger. See Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," for further information.

(2)

The preferred stock of NSTAR Electric is not subject to mandatory redemption and has been presented as a noncontrolling interest in NSTAR Electric in NU's financial statements. In addition, upon completion of the merger, an NSTAR subsidiary that held 25 percent of NPT was merged into NUTV, resulting in NUTV owning 100 percent of NPT. Accordingly, the noncontrolling interest balance was eliminated and 100 percent ownership of NPT is reflected in Common Shareholders' Equity as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, there was no change in ownership of the common equity of CL&P and NSTAR Electric.

20.

EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic EPS is computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period.

Diluted EPS is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the potential dilutive effect if certain share-based compensation awards are converted into common shares. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, there were 1,575, 4,266, and 4,314, respectively, antidilutive share awards excluded from the computation.

The following table sets forth the components of basic and diluted EPS:

| <i>(Millions of Dollars, except share information)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 786.0 | \$ 525.9 | \$ 394.7 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | |
| Basic | 315,311,387 | 277,209,819 | 177,410,167 |
| Dilutive Effect | 899,773 | 783,812 | 394,401 |
| Diluted | 316,211,160 | 277,993,631 | 177,804,568 |
| Basic EPS | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.90 | \$ 2.22 |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 2.49 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.22 |

On April 10, 2012, NU issued approximately 136 million common shares as a result of the merger with NSTAR, which are reflected in weighted average common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

RSUs and performance shares are included in basic weighted average common shares outstanding as of the date that all necessary vesting conditions have been satisfied. The dilutive effect of unvested RSUs and performance shares is calculated using the treasury stock method. Assumed proceeds of these units under the treasury stock method consist of the remaining compensation cost to be recognized and a theoretical tax benefit. The theoretical tax benefit is calculated as the tax impact of the intrinsic value of the units (the difference between the market value of the average units outstanding for the period, using the average market price during the period, and the grant date market value).

The dilutive effect of stock options to purchase common shares is also calculated using the treasury stock method. Assumed proceeds for stock options consist of cash proceeds that would be received upon exercise, and a theoretical tax benefit. The theoretical tax benefit is calculated as the tax impact of the intrinsic value of the stock options (the difference between the market value of the average stock options outstanding for the period, using the average market price during the period, and the exercise price).

21.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Presentation: NU is organized between the Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution reportable segments and Other based on a combination of factors, including the characteristics of each segments' products and services, the sources of operating revenues and expenses and the regulatory environment in which each segment operates. These reportable segments represented substantially all of NU's total consolidated revenues for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011. Revenues from the sale of electricity and natural gas primarily are derived from residential, commercial and industrial customers and are not dependent on any single customer. The Electric Distribution reportable segment includes the generation activities of PSNH and WMECO.

The remainder of NU's operations is presented as Other in the tables below and primarily consists of 1) the equity in earnings of NU parent from its subsidiaries and intercompany interest income, both of which are eliminated in consolidation, and interest expense related to the debt of NU parent, 2) the revenues and expenses of NU's service company, most of which are eliminated in consolidation, 3) the operations of CYAPC and YAEC, and 4) the results of other non-regulated subsidiaries, which are not part of its core business.

Cash flows used for investments in plant included in the segment information below are cash capital expenditures that do not include amounts incurred but not paid, cost of removal, AFUDC related to equity funds, and, for certain subsidiaries, the capitalized portions of pension expense.

NU's reportable segments are determined based upon the level at which NU's chief operating decision maker assesses performance and makes decisions about the allocation of company resources. Each of NU's subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, has one reportable segment. NU's operating segments and reporting units are consistent with its reportable business segments.

NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

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NU's segment information for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Electric | | Natural Gas | | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Distribution | Distribution | Transmission | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 5,362.3 | \$ 855.8 | \$ 978.7 | \$ 777.5 | \$ (673.1) | \$ 7,301.2 | |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (604.8) | (66.7) | (136.2) | (62.2) | 10.2 | (859.7) | |
| Other Operating Expenses | (3,927.7) | (659.4) | (281.8) | (715.0) | 671.8 | (4,912.1) | |
| Operating Income | 829.8 | 129.7 | 560.7 | 0.3 | 8.9 | 1,529.4 | |
| Interest Expense | (175.0) | (33.1) | (100.3) | (35.5) | 5.2 | (338.7) | |
| Interest Income | 4.1 | - | 0.7 | 5.4 | (5.6) | 4.6 | |
| Other Income, Net | 12.9 | 0.8 | 10.9 | 858.9 | (858.2) | 25.3 | |
| Income Tax (Expense)/Benefit | (240.0) | (36.5) | (182.1) | 31.9 | (0.2) | (426.9) | |
| Net Income | 431.8 | 60.9 | 289.9 | 861.0 | (849.9) | 793.7 | |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (4.8) | - | (2.9) | - | - | (7.7) | |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 427.0 | \$ 60.9 | \$ 287.0 | \$ 861.0 | \$ (849.9) | \$ 786.0 | |
| Total Assets (as of) | \$ 17,260.0 | \$ 2,759.7 | \$ 6,745.8 | \$ 11,842.4 | \$ (10,812.4) | \$ 27,795.5 | |
| Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant | \$ 639.0 | \$ 168.1 | \$ 618.5 | \$ 31.2 | \$ - | \$ 1,456.8 | |

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Electric | | Natural Gas | | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Distribution | Distribution | Transmission | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 4,716.5 | \$ 572.9 | \$ 861.5 | \$ 803.8 | \$ (680.9) | \$ 6,273.8 | |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (530.3) | (49.1) | (109.2) | (56.4) | 4.2 | (740.8) | |
| Other Operating Expenses | (3,585.4) | (445.2) | (251.6) | (817.0) | 684.4 | (4,414.8) | |
| Operating Income/(Loss) | 600.8 | 78.6 | 500.7 | (69.6) | 7.7 | 1,118.2 | |
| Interest Expense | (165.6) | (31.3) | (96.7) | (43.6) | 7.3 | (329.9) | |
| Interest Income | 2.8 | - | 0.4 | 7.1 | (7.1) | 3.2 | |
| Other Income, Net | 8.9 | 0.4 | 7.3 | 795.0 | (795.1) | 16.5 | |
| Income Tax (Expense)/Benefit | (150.2) | (16.9) | (159.2) | 55.5 | (4.1) | (274.9) | |
| Net Income | 296.7 | 30.8 | 252.5 | 744.4 | (791.3) | 533.1 | |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (4.4) | - | (2.8) | - | - | (7.2) | |
| Net Income Attributable | | | | | | | |

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|--|----|----------|----|---------|----|---------|----|----------|----|------------|----|----------|
| to Controlling Interest | \$ | 292.3 | \$ | 30.8 | \$ | 249.7 | \$ | 744.4 | \$ | (791.3) | \$ | 525.9 |
| Total Assets (as of) | \$ | 18,047.3 | \$ | 2,717.4 | \$ | 6,187.7 | \$ | 18,832.6 | \$ | (17,482.2) | \$ | 28,302.8 |
| Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant | \$ | 611.7 | \$ | 148.7 | \$ | 663.6 | \$ | 48.3 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,472.3 |

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

| <i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> | Electric | | Natural Gas | | Other | Eliminations | Total | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------|----|---------|----|-----------|
| | Distribution | Distribution | Transmission | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 3,343.1 | \$ | 430.8 | \$ | 635.4 | \$ | 541.3 | \$ | (484.9) | \$ | 4,465.7 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | | (337.2) | | (27.7) | | (84.0) | | (16.8) | | 2.5 | | (463.2) |
| Other Operating Expenses | | (2,637.4) | | (333.5) | | (188.2) | | (534.1) | | 484.9 | | (3,208.3) |
| Operating Income/(Loss) | | 368.5 | | 69.6 | | 363.2 | | (9.6) | | 2.5 | | 794.2 |
| Interest Expense | | (123.8) | | (21.0) | | (76.7) | | (33.7) | | 4.8 | | (250.4) |
| Interest Income | | 3.7 | | - | | 0.5 | | 5.3 | | (5.3) | | 4.2 |
| Other Income, Net | | 11.6 | | 1.3 | | 10.7 | | 455.2 | | (455.3) | | 23.5 |
| Income Tax (Expense)/Benefit | | (67.6) | | (18.2) | | (95.6) | | 14.3 | | (3.9) | | (171.0) |
| Net Income | | 192.4 | | 31.7 | | 202.1 | | 431.5 | | (457.2) | | 400.5 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | | (3.3) | | - | | (2.5) | | - | | - | | (5.8) |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ | 189.1 | \$ | 31.7 | \$ | 199.6 | \$ | 431.5 | \$ | (457.2) | \$ | 394.7 |
| Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant | \$ | 540.7 | \$ | 98.2 | \$ | 388.9 | \$ | 48.9 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,076.7 |

22.

VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

The Company's variable interests outside of the consolidated group are not material and consist of contracts that are required by regulation and provide for regulatory recovery of contract costs and benefits through customer rates. NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric hold variable interests in variable interest entities (VIEs) through agreements with certain entities that own single renewable energy or peaking generation power plants and with other independent power producers. NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric do not control the activities that are economically significant to these VIEs or provide financial or other support to these VIEs. Therefore, NU, CL&P and NSTAR Electric do not consolidate any power plant VIEs.

23.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

See Note 9, "Long-Term Debt," for information regarding the January 2014 Yankee Gas long-term debt issuance.

See Note 3, "Regulatory Accounting," for information regarding the February 2014 PURA decision on CL&P's request for approval to recover the restoration costs of the 2012 and 2011 major storms.

See Note 12C, "Commitments and Contingencies - Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies," for information regarding a January 2014 letter received from the U.S. Department of Justice stating that the DOE will not appeal the court's final judgment on the Yankee Companies' lawsuits against the DOE.

24.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**NU Consolidated Statements of
Quarterly Financial Data***(Millions of Dollars, except per
share information)*

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | March 31, | June 30, | September 30, | December 31, |
| 2013 | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 1,995.0 | \$ 1,635.9 | \$ 1,892.6 | \$ 1,777.7 |
| Operating Income | 418.9 | 350.6 | 399.3 | 360.6 |
| Net Income | 230.0 | 173.1 | 211.4 | 179.2 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | 228.1 | 171.0 | 209.5 | 177.4 |
| Basic and Diluted EPS (a) | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.54 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.56 |
| 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 1,099.6 | \$ 1,628.7 | \$ 1,861.5 | \$ 1,684.0 |
| Operating Income | 214.4 | 159.5 | 412.9 | 331.4 |
| Net Income | 100.8 | 46.2 | 209.5 | 176.6 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | 99.3 | 44.3 | 207.6 | 174.7 |
| Basic and Diluted EPS (a) | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.55 |

(a) The summation of quarterly EPS data may not equal annual data due to rounding.

**Statements of Quarterly
Financial Data***(Millions of Dollars)*

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | March 31, | June 30, | September 30, | December 31, |
| CL&P | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 624.1 | \$ 569.3 | \$ 648.4 | \$ 600.5 |
| Operating Income | 149.7 | 136.8 | 133.9 | 119.2 |
| Net Income | 85.0 | 67.9 | 66.3 | 60.2 |
| 2012 | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 592.0 | \$ 562.1 | \$ 658.1 | \$ 595.2 |
| Operating Income | 111.9 | 40.4 | 139.7 | 135.0 |
| Net Income | 54.0 | 6.9 | 74.9 | 73.9 |
| NSTAR Electric | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 592.3 | \$ 570.4 | \$ 753.9 | \$ 576.9 |
| Operating Income | 94.5 | 112.5 | 192.0 | 109.2 |
| Net Income | 48.1 | 58.0 | 107.0 | 55.4 |
| 2012 | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 556.5 | \$ 534.6 | \$ 693.7 | \$ 516.2 |
| Operating Income | 22.5 | 93.9 | 194.1 | 70.9 |

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|--------------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Net Income | | 3.9 | | 45.5 | | 106.8 | | 34.0 |
| PSNH | | | | | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 273.8 | \$ | 216.1 | \$ | 218.6 | \$ | 226.9 |
| Operating Income | | 58.1 | | 54.3 | | 56.6 | | 56.2 |
| Net Income | | 29.0 | | 27.2 | | 28.4 | | 26.8 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 243.0 | \$ | 255.1 | \$ | 256.9 | \$ | 233.0 |
| Operating Income | | 45.4 | | 47.0 | | 61.3 | | 51.4 |
| Net Income | | 21.3 | | 21.2 | | 27.2 | | 27.2 |
| WMECO | | | | | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 125.0 | \$ | 115.0 | \$ | 121.8 | \$ | 110.9 |
| Operating Income | | 35.6 | | 32.4 | | 28.9 | | 22.4 |
| Net Income | | 18.6 | | 16.4 | | 15.0 | | 10.4 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 114.0 | \$ | 106.8 | \$ | 112.5 | \$ | 107.9 |
| Operating Income | | 28.7 | | 25.1 | | 28.1 | | 28.9 |
| Net Income | | 14.2 | | 11.1 | | 14.1 | | 15.1 |

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NSTAR amounts were included in NU beginning April 10, 2012.

Item 9.

Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

No events that would be described in response to this item have occurred with respect to NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH or WMECO.

Item 9A.

Controls and Procedures

Management, on behalf of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and other sections of this combined Annual Report on Form 10-K. NU's internal controls over financial reporting were audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Management, on behalf of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. The internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. There are inherent limitations of internal controls over financial reporting that could allow material misstatements due to error or fraud to occur and not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees during the normal course of business. Additionally, internal controls over financial reporting may become inadequate in the future due to changes in the business environment.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officers and principal financial officer, an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting was conducted based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (1992 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation under the framework in COSO, management concluded that internal controls over financial reporting at NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO were effective as of December 31, 2013.

Management, on behalf of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, evaluated the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2013 to determine whether they are effective in ensuring that the disclosure of required information is made timely and in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the SEC. This evaluation was made under management's supervision and with management's participation, including the principal executive officers and principal financial officer as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. There are inherent limitations of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumventing or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. The principal executive officers and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their review, that the disclosure controls and procedures of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934 (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and regulations and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officers and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There have been no changes in internal controls over financial reporting for NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO during the quarter ended December 31, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting.

On April 10, 2012, NSTAR became a direct wholly owned subsidiary of NU. NU continues to combine and consolidate systems, operations and functions as part of ongoing integration efforts and continues to review controls pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. See Note 2, "Merger of NU and NSTAR," to the Combined Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding the merger.

Item 9B.

Other Information

No information is required to be disclosed under this item as of December 31, 2013, as this information has been previously disclosed in applicable reports on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of 2013.

PART III

Item 10.

Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information in Item 10 is provided as of February 15, 2014, except where otherwise indicated.

Certain information required by this Item 10 is omitted for NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO pursuant to Instruction I(2)(c) to Form 10-K, Omission of Information by Certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

NU

In addition to the information provided below concerning the executive officers of NU, incorporated herein by reference is the information to be contained in the sections captioned "Election of Trustees," "Governance of Northeast Utilities" and the related subsections, "Selection of Trustees," and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" of NU's definitive proxy statement for solicitation of proxies, expected to be filed with the SEC on or about March 21, 2014.

NU and CL&P

Each member of CL&P's Board of Directors is an employee of CL&P, NU or an affiliate. Directors are elected annually to serve for one year until their successors are elected and qualified.

Set forth below is certain information as of February 15, 2014 concerning CL&P's Directors and NU's and CL&P's executive officers:

| Name | Age | Title |
|-----------------|------------|--|
| Thomas J. May | 66 | Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of NU; Chairman of the Regulated companies, including CL&P. |
| James J. Judge | 58 | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU and the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| Leon J. Olivier | 65 | |

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| | | Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NU; Chief Executive Officer of the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| David R. McHale | 53 | Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of NU and the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| Gregory B. Butler | 56 | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of NU; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| Christine M. Carmody ¹ | 51 | Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NUSCO and the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. ¹ | 50 | Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of NUSCO and the Regulated companies; Director of CL&P. |
| Werner J. Schweiger ¹ | 54 | President-Electric Distribution of NUSCO; Director of CL&P |
| William P. Herdegen III ² | 59 | President and Chief Operating Officer and a Director of CL&P. |
| Jay S. Buth | 44 | Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of NU and the Regulated companies. |

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Deemed an executive officer of NU pursuant to Rule 3b-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

2

Mr. Herdegen is the President and Chief Operating Officer and Director of CL&P and is therefore an executive officer solely of CL&P.

Thomas J. May. Mr. May has served as Chairman of the Board of NU since October 10, 2013, and President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee of NU; Chairman and a Director of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas; and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director of NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. May has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas (or their predecessor companies) since September 27, 1999. Previously, Mr. May served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee of NSTAR, and as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas until April 10, 2012. He served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee since NSTAR was formed in 1999, and was elected President in 2002. Mr. May has served as Chairman of the Board and President of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since October 15, 2013, and has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since August 18, 1987.

James J. Judge. Mr. Judge has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. Judge has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since September 27, 1999. Previously, Mr. Judge served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from 1999 until April 2012. Mr. Judge has served as Treasurer and a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since December 12, 1995.

Leon J. Olivier. Mr. Olivier has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NU and NUSCO since May 13, 2008. He became Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas on April 10, 2012.

Mr. Olivier has served as Chief Executive Officer of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since January 15, 2007. Mr. Olivier has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since November 27, 2012, of PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since January 17, 2005, and of CL&P effective September 10, 2001. Previously, Mr. Olivier served as Executive Vice President-Operations of NU from February 13, 2007 to May 12, 2008.

Mr. Olivier has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 1, 2006.

David R. McHale. Mr. McHale has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Mr. McHale has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since November 27, 2012, of PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since January 1, 2005, and of CL&P since January 15, 2007. Previously, Mr. McHale served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from January 2009 to April 2012, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from January 2005 to December 2008. Mr. McHale has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since January 1, 2005.

Gregory B. Butler. Mr. Butler has served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of NU and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since April 10, 2012. He has served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since March 9, 2006. Mr. Butler has served as a Director of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of NUSCO since November 27, 2012, and of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 22, 2009. Previously Mr. Butler served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of NU from December 1, 2005 to April 10, 2012. Mr. Butler has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since April 10, 2012. He has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since December 1, 2002.

Christine M. Carmody. Ms. Carmody has served as Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NUSCO since April 10, 2012 and of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since November 27, 2012. She has served as Senior Vice President-Human Resources of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas since August 1, 2008. Ms. Carmody has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 10, 2012, and of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, and NUSCO since November 27, 2012. Previously, Ms. Carmody served as Vice President-Organizational Effectiveness of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from June 2006 to August 2008. Ms. Carmody has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012. She has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since August 1, 2008.

Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. Mr. Nolan has served as Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. He has served as Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since November 27, 2012. Mr. Nolan has served as a Director of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and Yankee Gas since April 10, 2012, and of NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas and NUSCO since November 27, 2012. Previously, Mr. Nolan served as Senior Vice President-Customer & Corporate Relations of NSTAR, NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas from 2006 until April 10, 2012. Mr. Nolan has served as a Director of Northeast Utilities

Foundation, Inc. since April 10, 2012, and has served as Executive Director of Northeast Utilities Foundation, Inc. since October 15, 2013. He has served as a Trustee of the NSTAR Foundation since October 1, 2000.

Werner J. Schweiger. Mr. Schweiger has served as President-Electric Distribution of NUSCO since January 16, 2013. Mr. Schweiger was elected a Director of CL&P, PSNH, NSTAR Electric and WMECO effective May 28, 2013. Previously, Mr. Schweiger served as President of NSTAR Electric from April 10, 2012 until January 16, 2013 and as a Director of NSTAR Electric from November 27, 2012 to January 16, 2013, From February 27, 2002 until April 10, 2012, Mr. Schweiger served as Senior Vice President-Operations of NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas.

William P. Herdegen III. Mr. Herdegen has served as President and Chief Operating Officer and as a Director of CL&P since September 11, 2012. Previously, Mr. Herdegen served as Vice President of Transmission and Distribution Engineering and Operations for Kansas City Power & Light Company from 2008 until his retirement on September 7, 2012; as Vice President, Distribution and Customer Operations from 2005 to 2008; and as Vice President, Distribution Operations from 2001 to 2005. Mr. Herdegen began his utility career at Commonwealth Edison, where he held various positions, including Vice President, Engineering, Construction and Maintenance, corporate project manager, operations manager, business unit supply manager, district manager, and field engineer.

Jay S. Buth. Mr. Buth has served as Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO since April 10, 2012. Previously, Mr. Buth served as Vice President-Accounting and Controller of NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas and NUSCO from June 2009 until April 10, 2012. From June 2006 through January 2009, Mr. Buth served as the Vice President and Controller for New Jersey Resources Corporation, an energy services holding company that provides natural gas and wholesale energy services, including transportation, distribution and asset management.

There are no family relationships between any director or executive officer and any other trustee, director or executive officer of NU or CL&P and none of the above executive officers or directors serves as an executive officer or director pursuant to any agreement or understanding with any other person. Our executive officers hold the offices set forth opposite their names until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, in the case of NU, and the Board of Directors, in the case of CL&P, and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

CL&P obtains audit services from the independent registered public accounting firm engaged by the Audit Committee of NU's Board of Trustees. CL&P does not have its own audit committee or, accordingly, an audit committee financial expert. CL&P relies on NU's audit committee and audit committee experts.

CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF BUSINESS CONDUCT

Each of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO has adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller) and the Code of Business Conduct, which are applicable to all Trustees, directors, officers, employees, contractors and agents of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. The Code of Ethics and the Code of Business Conduct have both been posted on the NU web site and are available at www.nu.com/investors/corporate_gov/default.asp on the Internet. Any amendments to or waivers from the Code of Ethics and Code of Business Conduct for executive officers, directors or Trustees will be posted on the website. Any such amendment or waiver would require the prior consent of the Board of Trustees or an applicable committee thereof.

Printed copies of the Code of Ethics and the Code of Business Conduct are also available to any shareholder without charge upon written request mailed to:

Richard J. Morrison

Assistant Secretary

Northeast Utilities

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Hartford, CT 06141

Item 11.

Executive Compensation

NU

The information required by this Item 11 for NU is incorporated herein by reference to certain information contained in NU's definitive proxy statement for solicitation of proxies, which is expected to be filed with the SEC on or about March 21, 2014, under the sections captioned "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" plus the related subsections, and "Compensation Committee Report" plus the related subsections following such Report.

NSTAR ELECTRIC, PSNH and WMECO

Certain information required by this Item 11 has been omitted for NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO pursuant to Instruction I(2)(c) to Form 10-K, Omission of Information by Certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

CL&P

The information in this Item 11 relates solely to CL&P.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CL&P is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NU. Its board of directors consists entirely of executive officers of NU system companies. CL&P does not have a compensation committee, and the Compensation Committee of NU's Board of Trustees determines compensation for the executive officers of CL&P, including their salaries, annual incentive awards and long-term incentive awards. All of CL&P's "Named Executive Officers," as defined below, also serve as officers of NU and one or more other subsidiaries of NU. Compensation set by the Compensation Committee of NU (the "Committee") and set forth herein is for services rendered to NU and its subsidiaries by such officers in all capacities.

The purpose of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis is to provide information about NU's compensation objectives and policies for the Named Executive Officers. The discussion describes the specific components of the compensation program, how NU measures performance, and how compensation awards and decisions were made by

the Committee in 2013 for the Named Executive Officers, as presented in the tables and narratives that follow. While the following discussion focuses primarily on 2013 information, it also addresses decisions that were made in other periods to the extent that these decisions are relevant to the full understanding of our compensation program and the specific awards that were made in 2013.

Pay for Performance

The Committee follows a philosophy of linking the Named Executive Officers' compensation to performance that will ultimately benefit our customers and shareholders. The intent of NU's compensation program is to attract and retain the best executive talent, to motivate the executives to meet or exceed specific stretch financial and organizational goals set each year and to compensate our Named Executive Officers in a manner that aligns compensation directly with performance. NU strives to provide executives with base salary, performance-based annual incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive with market practices. With respect to incentive compensation, the Committee believes it is important to balance short-term goals, such as generating earnings, with longer term goals, such as long-term value creation, maintaining a strong balance sheet, system reliability and excellent customer service.

Summary of 2013 Performance

In 2013, NU completed its first full year operating as a combined company following one of the most significant and successful mergers in the utility industry in 2012. As a result of the merger, NU has become larger, more diverse and better positioned to provide value to its customers and shareholders. NU met or exceeded many challenging financial and operational goals established at the beginning of 2013. The following is a summary of some of the most important accomplishments in 2013:

Financial Highlights

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NU's 2013 recurring earnings were \$2.53 per share, an 11 percent increase over 2012 results, excluding merger and related settlement costs, exceeded our challenging earnings per share goal of \$2.50

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NU achieved operations and maintenance cost reductions through successful integration activities, resulting in a 3.2 percent reduction in operating expenses from 2012, while continuing excellent operating performance

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NU increased its dividend to \$1.47 per share, a 7.1 percent increase and nearly double the industry average dividend growth of 3.7 percent

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For 2013, NU delivered total shareholder return of 12.3 percent, the fifth straight year of double-digit total shareholder return

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As set forth in the table below, NU's cumulative total shareholder returns of 47.0 percent, 110.3 percent, 194.5 percent and 313.8 percent over the past three-, five-, 10- and 15-year periods outperformed the utility industry over those same periods

Total Shareholder Return

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>3-Year</u> | <u>5-Year</u> | <u>10-Year</u> | <u>15-Year</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| NU | 12.3% | 47.0% | 110.3% | 194.5% | 313.8% |
| EEI (Utility) Index | 13.0% | 38.4% | 64.0% | 143.9% | 182.1% |
| S&P 500 | 32.4% | 56.8% | 128.2% | 104.3% | 98.5% |

Operational Highlights

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NU's overall electric system performance in 2013 was its best on record

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NU's subsidiaries, NSTAR Electric Company, NSTAR Gas Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each met or exceeded Service Quality Index performance targets established by Massachusetts, which is the only state we serve that has specific performance targets

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NU continued the process of streamlining and fully integrating business processes across the company, including standardizing system design, equipment and operating and maintenance practices

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Performance relating to electric system reliability, restoration, calls answered on-time, energy efficiency and safety all exceeded targets

Achievement of the 2013 performance goals and the Committee's assessment of company and executive performance are fully described in the section of this report titled "2013 Annual Incentive Program." Specific decisions regarding executive compensation based upon the Committee's assessment of company and executive performance and market data are described in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") as set forth below.

NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The executive officers of CL&P listed in the Summary Compensation Table in this Item 11 whose compensation is discussed in this CD&A are CL&P's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and the three other most highly compensated executive officers other than CL&P's CEO and CFO who were serving as executive officers at the end of 2013 (collectively, referred to as the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs"). Each Named Executive Officer of CL&P also serves as an executive officer of NU and one or more other subsidiaries of NU. Compensation for such NEOs discussed in this CD&A was for all services provided by such individuals in all capacities to NU and its subsidiaries. For 2013, CL&P's NEOs are:

Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of CL&P

James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Thomas J. May, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of NU; Chairman of the Board of CL&P

David R. McHale, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

Gregory B. Butler, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of NU; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CL&P

OVERVIEW OF OUR COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Role of the Compensation Committee. The NU Board of Trustees has delegated to the Committee overall responsibility for establishing the compensation program for all executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers. In this role, the Committee sets compensation policy and compensation levels, reviews and approves performance goals and evaluates executive performance. Although this discussion and analysis refers principally to compensation for the Named Executive Officers, the same compensation principles and practices generally apply to

all executive officers. The compensation of NU's Chief Executive Officer is subject to the further review and approval of the independent Trustees.

Elements of Compensation. Total direct compensation consists of three elements: base salary, annual cash incentive awards and long-term equity-based incentive awards. Indirect compensation is provided through certain retirement, perquisite, severance, and health and welfare benefit programs.

NU's Compensation Objectives. The objectives of NU's compensation program are to attract and retain superior executive talent, motivate executives to achieve short-term and long-term performance goals set each year, and provide total compensation opportunities that are competitive with market practices. With respect to incentive compensation, the Committee believes it is important to balance short-term goals, such as producing earnings, with longer-term goals, such as creating long-term value, and maintaining a strong balance sheet. The Committee also places great emphasis on system reliability and superior customer service. NU's compensation program utilizes performance-based compensation to reward individual and corporate performance and to align the interests of executives with the company's customers and shareholders. The Committee continually increases expectations to motivate

executives and employees to achieve continuous improvement in discharging NU's responsibilities to its customers to provide energy services reliably, safely, with respect for the environment and our employees, and at a reasonable cost, while providing an above-average return to its shareholders.

Setting Compensation Levels. In order to ensure that NU achieves its goal of providing market-based compensation levels to attract and retain top quality management, the Committee provides executive officers with target compensation opportunities over time approximately equal to median compensation levels for executive officers of companies comparable to us. To achieve that goal, the Committee and its independent compensation consultant, Pay Governance LLC (Pay Governance), work together to determine the market values of executive officer direct compensation elements (base salaries, annual incentives and long-term incentives) as well as total compensation, by using competitive market compensation data. The Committee reviews compensation data obtained from utility and general industry surveys and a specific group of peer utility companies.

Role of the Compensation Consultant. The Committee has retained Pay Governance as its independent compensation consultant. Pay Governance reports directly to the Committee and does not provide any other services to NU. With the consent of the Committee, Pay Governance works cooperatively with NU's management to develop analyses and proposals for presentation to the Committee. The Committee generally relies on Pay Governance for peer group market data and information as to market practices and trends to assess the competitiveness of the compensation NU's pays to senior executive officers and to review the Committee's proposed compensation decisions.

For fiscal year 2013, the Committee assessed the independence of Pay Governance pursuant to SEC and NYSE rules and concluded that it is independent and that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Pay Governance from independently advising the Committee. In making this assessment, the Committee considered the independence factors enumerated in new Rule 10C-1(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including the fact that Pay Governance does not provide any other services to NU, the level of fees received from NU as a percentage of Pay Governance total revenue, policies and procedures employed by Pay Governance to prevent conflicts of interest, and whether the individual advisers from Pay Governance that the Committee consulted with owned any NU common shares or have any business or personal relationships with members of the Committee or NU's executive officers.

Role of Management. The role of management of NU and specifically the role of NU's Chief Executive Officer and its Senior Vice President of Human Resources is to provide current compensation information to the compensation consultant and to provide analysis and recommendations on executive officer compensation to the Committee based on the market value of the position, individual performance, experience and internal pay equity. NU's Chief Executive Officer also provides recommendations on the compensation for the other Named Executive Officers. None of the executives makes recommendations that affect his or her individual compensation.

MARKET ANALYSIS

The Committee strives to provide executive officers with target compensation opportunities using a range that is approximately equal to the median compensation levels for executive officers of companies comparable to NU. Set forth below is a description of the sources of the compensation data used by the Committee when reviewing 2013 compensation:

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Utility and general industry survey data. The Committee reviews compensation information obtained from surveys of diverse groups of utility and general industry companies that represent NU's market for executive officer talent. Utility industry data are based on a defined peer set, as discussed below. General industry data are size-adjusted to ensure a close correlation between the market data and the Company's scope of operations. The Committee used this information, which it obtained from Pay Governance, to determine base salaries and incentive opportunities.

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Peer group data. In support of executive pay decisions during 2013, the Committee consulted with Pay Governance, which provided the Committee with a competitive assessment analysis of NU's executive compensation levels, as compared to the 20 peer group companies listed in the table below.

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alliant Energy Corporation | Edison International | Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. |
| Ameren Corporation | Entergy Corporation | SCANA Corporation |
| CenterPoint Energy, Inc. | Integrus Energy Group, Inc. | Sempra Energy |
| Consolidated Edison Inc. | OGE Energy Corp. | TECO Energy, Inc. |
| CMS Energy Corp. | Pepco Holdings, Inc. | Wisconsin Energy Corp. |
| Dominion Resources, Inc. | PG&E Corp. | Xcel Energy Inc. |
| DTE Energy Company | PPL Corporation | |

The Committee periodically adjusts the target percentages of annual and long-term incentives based on the survey data after discussion with the compensation consultant to ensure that they are approximately equal to competitive median levels.

The Committee also determines perquisites to the extent they serve business purposes, and sets supplemental benefits at levels that provide market-based compensation opportunities to the executive officers. The Committee periodically reviews the general market for supplemental benefits and perquisites using utility and general industry survey data, including data obtained from companies in the peer group.

Mix of Compensation Elements. NU targets the mix of compensation for its Chief Executive Officer and the other Named Executive Officers so that the percentages of each compensation element are approximately equal to the competitive median market mix. The mix is heavily weighted toward incentive compensation, and incentive compensation is heavily weighted toward long-term compensation. Since the most senior positions have the greatest responsibility for implementing long-term business plans and strategies, a greater proportion of total compensation is based on performance with a long-term focus.

The Committee determines the compensation for each senior executive officer based on the relative authority, duties and responsibilities of each officer. NU's Chief Executive Officer's responsibilities for the strategic direction and daily operations and management of NU are greater than the duties and responsibilities of our other executive officers. As a result, the compensation of NU's Chief Executive Officer is higher than the compensation of the other executive officers. Assisted by the compensation consultant, the Committee regularly reviews market compensation data for executive officer positions similar to those held by the executive officers, including NU's Chief Executive Officer, and this market data continues to indicate that chief executive officers are typically paid significantly more than other executive officers.

The following table sets forth the contribution to 2013 Total Direct Compensation (TDC) of each element of compensation, at target, reflected as a percentage of TDC, for the Named Executive Officers. The amounts shown in this table are at target and therefore will not match the amounts appearing in the Summary Compensation Table.

| Named Executive Officer | Percentage of TDC at Target | | | | TDC |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----|
| | Base Salary | Annual Incentive ⁽¹⁾ | Performance Units ⁽¹⁾ | Long-Term Incentives RSUs ⁽²⁾ | |
| Thomas J. May | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 100 |
| James J. Judge | 30 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 100 |
| Leon J. Olivier | 30 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 100 |
| David R. McHale | 30 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 100 |
| Gregory B. Butler | 30 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 100 |
| NEO average, excluding CEO | 30 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 100 |

(1)

The annual incentive compensation element and performance shares under the long-term incentive compensation element are performance-based.

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Restricted Share Units (RSUs) vest over three years contingent upon continued employment.

Risk Analysis of Executive Compensation Program. The overall compensation program includes a mix of compensation elements ranging from a fixed base salary that is risk-neutral to annual and long-term incentive

compensation programs intended to motivate officers and eligible employees to achieve individual and corporate performance goals that reflect an appropriate level of risk. The fundamental objective of the compensation program is to foster the continued growth and success of the business. The design and implementation of the overall compensation program provide the Committee with opportunities throughout the year to assess risks within the compensation program that may have a material effect on NU and its shareholders.

In 2013, the Committee assessed the risks associated with the executive compensation program by reviewing the various elements of incentive compensation. The annual incentive program was designed to ensure an appropriate balance between the individual and corporate goals, which were deemed appropriately and supportive of NU's annual business plan. Similarly, the long term incentive program was designed to ensure that the performance metrics were properly weighted and supportive of NU's strategic plan. The Committee reviewed the overall compensation program in the context of the annual operating and strategic plans, which were both previously subject to Enterprise Risk Management review. Both the annual and long-term incentive programs were designed to ensure that mechanisms exist to mitigate risk. These mechanisms include realistic goal setting and discretion with respect to actual payments, the mix of financial, customer service, operational and safety goals, executive share ownership guidelines linking their interests to those of shareholders, provisions for the clawback of incentive compensation, prohibitions on hedging and pledging of NU common shares, and providing limited perquisites. These mechanisms are intended to ensure that there is not undue incentive to achieve any one goal without considering the impact of achieving such goal on other aspects of our business.

Results of NU's 2012 Say-on-Pay Proposal. NU provides its shareholders with the required opportunity to cast an annual advisory vote on executive compensation (a "Say-on-Pay" proposal). At NU's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in May 2013, 86.6 percent of the votes cast on the Say-on-Pay proposal were voted to approve the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as described in NU's 2013 proxy statement. The Committee has and will continue to consider the outcome of NU's Say-on-Pay votes when making future compensation decisions for the Named Executive Officers.

ELEMENTS OF 2013 COMPENSATION

Base Salary

Base salary is designed to attract and retain key executives by providing an element of total compensation at levels competitive with those of other executives employed by companies of similar size and complexity in the utility and general industries. In establishing base salary, the Committee relies on compensation data obtained from independent third-party surveys of companies and from an industry peer group to ensure that the compensation opportunities NU offers are capable of attracting and retaining executives with the experience and talent required to achieve its strategic objectives.

When setting or adjusting base salaries, the Committee considers annual individual performance appraisals; market pay movement across industries (determined through market analysis); targeted market pay positioning for each executive officer; individual experience and years of service; strategic importance of a position; and internal equity.

Individuals who are performing well in strategic positions are likely to have their base salaries increased more significantly than other individuals. From time-to-time, economic conditions and corporate performance have caused salary increases to be postponed. The Committee prefers to reflect sub-par corporate performance through the variable pay components.

In February 2013, the Committee adjusted the base salaries of the Named Executive Officers in a range of 3 percent to 3.2 percent. The Committee and independent Trustees also adjusted Mr. May's base salary by 3.1 percent.

Incentive Compensation

Annual incentive and the long-term incentive compensation are provided under the Northeast Utilities Incentive Plan, which was approved by NU's shareholders at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and, with respect to the material terms of performance goals, was re-approved by the shareholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The annual incentive program provides cash compensation intended to reward performance under our annual operating plan. The long-term incentive program is designed to reward demonstrated performance and leadership, motivate future performance, align the interests of the executive officers with those of NU's shareholders and retain the executive officers during the term of grants. The annual and long-term programs are designed to strike a balance between the short- and long-term objectives so that the programs work in tandem.

2013 ANNUAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In January 2013, the Committee established the terms of the 2013 Annual Incentive Program. As part of the overall program, and after consulting with Pay Governance, the Committee set target award levels for each of the Named Executive Officers that ranged from 65 percent to 100 percent of target. Target award levels under the Annual Incentive Program are expressed as a percentage of base salary.

At the January 2013 meeting, the Committee also determined that, for 2013, it would base 60 percent of the annual incentive award level on its assessment of NU's overall financial performance and 40 percent of the annual award level on its assessment of NU's operational performance. The Committee also determined the specific goals to be included to assess performance and that the individual goals would be assessed using ratings ranging from 0 percent to 200 percent, with 100 percent representing target performance deemed to be rigorous yet obtainable. The Committee later

assigned weightings to each of these specific goals; for the financial component, the earnings per share goal would be weighted at 60 percent, the reduction in operating expenses goal would be weighted at 20 percent, and the remaining 20 percent weighting would be based on the combined dividend growth, credit rating and total shareholder return goals. For the operational component, the Committee determined that the combined service reliability and responsiveness goals would be weighted at 60 percent, the combined storm recovery performance and merger integration goals would be weighted at 25 percent, and the combined safety ratings, gas service response and call center performance goals would be weighted at 15 percent.

With respect to 2013 performance, management provided an initial review of NU's performance for the year at the December 2013 meeting of the Committee, followed by a full assessment of NU's performance at the February 2014 meeting of the Committee. The Committee was also provided updates during the year on corporate performance. At the February 2014 meeting, the Committee evaluated NU's performance using a matrix that considered actual performance against the preset goals as well as industry average and top quartile performance. The Committee determined, based on its assessment of the various financial and operational performance results, to set the level of achievement of combined financial and operational performance results at 175 percent of target, reflecting the overall superior performance of NU and the executive team. In arriving at this determination, the Committee determined that the final financial performance result was 182 percent of target, and the operational performance result was 160 percent of target. The individual financial and operational performance goals results are as set forth below. NU's Chief Executive Officer recommended to the Committee payout levels for the senior executive officers based on NU's overall financial and operational performance, along with his assessment of each executive officer's individual performance.

Financial Performance Goals Assessment

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NU achieved recurring earnings per share of \$2.53 in 2013, exceeding its challenging goal of \$2.50. This earnings result was an 11 percent increase over 2012 versus an average industry increase of approximately 4 percent. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 200 percent performance result.

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NU achieved operations and maintenance cost reductions through successful integration initiatives, resulting in a 3.2 percent reduction in operating expenses in 2013. This exceeded the goal of a 3 percent reduction and compared with an expected average industry increase of 2-3 percent. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 175 percent performance result.

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NU's dividend increased to \$1.47 per share, a 7.1 percent increase from the prior year, and nearly double the industry average dividend growth of 3.7 percent. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 150 percent

performance result.

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NU's credit rating at Standard & Poor's is "A-," among the highest in the utility industry, providing the foundation for favorable financing opportunities during the year and in the future. The industry average credit rating at Standard & Poor's is "BBB." The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 150 percent performance result.

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NU delivered total shareholder return of 12.3 percent, the fifth consecutive year of double-digit total shareholder return. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 100 percent performance result.

The following results were also considered by the Committee in making an assessment of overall financial performance, but were not given specific weightings or assigned a performance assessment result:

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NU implemented timely and effective financing programs resulting in significant annualized interest cost savings of approximately \$6.0 million.

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NU's capital project spending of \$1.58 billion was in-line with budget.

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In addition to NU's 2013 total shareholder return noted above, NU has consistently achieved outstanding financial performance, with total shareholder returns over the past three-, five-, 10- and 15-year periods of 47.0 percent, 110.3 percent, 194.5 percent and 313.8 percent, outperforming the EEI utility industry over those same periods.

Operational Performance Goals Assessment

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NU's total electric system operating performance was the best on record. Average months between service interruptions equaled 14.4 months, which was 15 percent better than the target of 12.5 months and electric service

outage restoration time of 86.2 minutes was 20 percent better than the goal of 108.3 minutes, representing top quartile performance. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 175 percent performance result.

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On-time response to emergency calls from NU's gas customers was 99.0 percent, which was in line with the goal of 99.1 percent. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 100 percent performance result.

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85.8 percent of customer calls were answered within 30 seconds, which was in line with the goal of 85.6 percent. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 100 percent performance result.

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NU significantly improved our safety performance in Days Away & Restricted Time ("DART") compared to the goal:

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DART for 2013 was 1.6 accidents per 100 employees, which was 8.2 percent better than the goal of 1.70. This represents a significant improvement, although it is below industry average performance. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 125 percent performance result.

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NU continued its merger integration and business standardization processes across the company, further executing on the "One Company" Model, which has allowed the company to lower operating costs while improving customer service. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 150 percent performance result.

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NU significantly enhanced its storm preparedness and recovery program, and the Public Utility Regulatory Authority in Connecticut recognized CL&P's significantly improved performance during Superstorm Sandy. The Committee determined this goal to have attained a 150 percent performance result.

The following results were also considered by the Committee in making an assessment of overall operational performance, but were not given specific weightings or assigned a performance result:

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Growth of NU's gas customers exceeded the goal, as 10,356 customers were connected to the system, compared to the goal of 9,100 customers.

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Each of NU's operating companies exceeded its challenging Energy Efficiency goals.

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NU completed all major transmission reliability projects on or ahead of schedule and on or under budget.

Individual Performance Factors Considered by the Committee

The goal of the Committee for 2013 was to continue to provide incentives for the executives to work together as a highly effective, integrated team to achieve or exceed the recurring earnings per share goal and other financial, operational and merger effectiveness goals and objectives. While emphasizing the importance of the executives to work as a team, the annual incentive award payments were also based on the Committee's assessment of each executive's individual performance in supporting the performance goals. The Committee assessed the performance of NU's Chief Executive Officer and, based on the recommendations of NU's Chief Executive Officer, the other Named Executive Officers to determine the individual incentive awards as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table.

Based on the Committee's review of NU's overall performance, considered by the Committee to have been superior for the several reasons set forth above, the Committee approved annual incentive program payouts for the Named Executive Officers at levels

that ranged from 170 percent to 182 percent of target. These awards reflected the individual and team contributions of Mr. May, Mr. Judge, Mr. Olivier, Mr. McHale and Mr. Butler in the overall performance of the company.

In arriving at Mr. May's annual incentive payment of \$2,125,000, which was 182 percent of target, and which reflects his and NU's excellent performance, the Committee and the Board considered the totality of NU's financial and operating/merger effectiveness performance and Mr. May's strategic leadership in enabling NU to achieve its excellent performance.

LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PROGRAM

General

NU's long-term incentive program is intended to focus on the company's longer-term strategic goals and to help retain the executives. A new three-year program commences every year. For the 2013–2015 Long-Term Incentive Program, at target, each grant consisted of 50 percent Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and 50 percent Performance Shares. RSUs are designed to provide executives with an incentive to increase the value of NU common shares in alignment with shareholder interests, while also acting as a retention vehicle for executive talent and providing a means for holding NU common shares in accordance with our executive share ownership guidelines. Performance Shares are designed principally to reward achievement as measured against pre-established performance measures. We believe these compensation elements create a focus on continued growth in NU and share price to further align the interests of officers with the interests of NU's shareholders.

Restricted Share Units (RSUs)

General

Each RSU granted under the long-term incentive program entitles the holder to receive one Northeast Utilities common share at the time of vesting. All RSUs granted under the long-term incentive program provide for vesting in equal annual installments over three years. RSU holders are eligible to receive reinvested dividend units on outstanding RSUs held by them to the same extent that dividends are declared and paid on NU common shares. Reinvested dividend units are accounted for as additional RSUs that accrue and are distributed with the common shares issued upon vesting of the underlying RSUs. Common shares, including any additional common shares in respect of reinvested dividend units, are not issued for any RSUs that do not vest.

The Committee determined RSU grants for each officer participating in the long-term incentive program. RSU grants are based on a percentage of base salary and measured in dollars. In 2013, the percentage used for each officer was based on the executive officer's position in the company and ranged from 160 percent to 350 percent of base salary. The Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the RSU grant from target for each officer under special circumstances. Based on input from NU's Chief Executive Officer, the Committee determined the final RSU grants for each of the other executive officers, including the other Named Executive Officers.

All RSUs are granted on the date of the Committee meeting at which they are approved. RSU grants are subsequently converted from dollars into common share equivalents by dividing the value of each grant by the average closing price for NU common shares over the ten trading days prior to the date of the grant.

RSU Grants under the 2013 - 2015 Program

Under the 2013 - 2015 Program, the target RSU grant totaled approximately \$7,057,084 for the 44 officers of NU participating in the program. Dividing the final total RSU grant by \$39.36, the average closing price of NU common shares over the ten trading days prior to the date of grant, resulted in an aggregate of 179,300 RSUs. The following RSU grants at 100 percent of target were approved, reflected in RSUs: Mr. May: 52,000; Mr. Judge: 13,100; Mr. Olivier: 13,800; Mr. McHale: 13,100; and Mr. Butler: 9,100.

Performance Shares

Performance shares are designed to reward demonstrated future financial performance, defined by producing long-term earnings growth and providing above-average total shareholder returns, therefore aligning compensation with performance.

For the 2013 - 2015 Program, the Committee determined to use: (i) average earnings per share growth adjusted for certain non-recurring items ("EPSG"); and (ii) relative total shareholder return ("TSR") measured against the performance of companies that comprise the EEI Utility Index. The Committee selected EPSG and TSR as performance measures because the Committee believes that they are generally recognized as the best indicators of overall corporate financial performance.

The number of performance shares awarded at the end of the three-year period ranges from 0 percent to 200 percent of target, depending on EPSG and relative TSR performance as set forth in the performance matrix below. EPSG ranges from 0 percent to 10 percent, while TSR ranges from below the 10th percentile to approximately the 90th percentile. No performance shares will be awarded if NU's EPSG is negative. The Committee has determined that payout at 100 percent of target should be challenging but achievable. As a result, vesting at 100 percent of target occurs at various combinations of EPSG and TSR performance. For example, the performance matrix provides for vesting at 100

percent of target if NU achieves 5 percent EPSG and relative TSR at the 50th percentile. In addition, the value of any performance shares that actually vest may increase or decrease over the vesting period based on NU's share price performance.

The performance matrix set forth below describes how the performance share payout is determined under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program. Actual three-year average EPSG is cross-referenced with the actual three-year TSR percentile to determine actual performance share payout as a percentage of target:

| Three-Year Average | <u>Three-Year Relative Total Shareholder Return</u> <u>Percentiles</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Below | | | | | | | | | | Above |
| <u>EPS Growth</u> | <u>10th</u> | <u>10th</u> | <u>20th</u> | <u>30th</u> | <u>40th</u> | <u>50th</u> | <u>60th</u> | <u>70th</u> | <u>80th</u> | <u>90th</u> | <u>90th</u> |
| 10% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% | 160% | 170% | 180% | 190% | 200% |
| 9% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% | 160% | 170% | 180% | 190% |
| 8% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% | 160% | 170% | 180% |
| 7% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% | 160% | 170% |
| 6% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% | 160% |
| 5% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% | 150% |
| 4% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% | 140% |
| 3% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% | 130% |
| 2% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% | 120% |
| 1% | 0% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% | 110% |
| 0% | 0% | 0% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% |
| Below 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% |

Pre-Merger Long-Term Incentive Programs

The 2011 2013 and the 2012 2014 Programs were approved prior to the merger. Grants under these programs consisted of 50 percent RSUs and 50 percent Performance Shares. The RSU grants under these three-year programs vest in equal annual installments and are otherwise subject to the provisions set forth in the section above titled

Restricted Share Units (RSUs). Upon the closing of the merger in 2012, the Performance Share grants under these programs converted to RSUs assuming a target level of performance, and the newly converted RSUs were made subject to the vesting schedule for the original RSU grants under each program.

Under the 2011 2013 Program, the newly converted RSUs vested in 2013. Under the 2012 2014 Program, half of the newly-converted RSUs vested in 2013 and the remaining half will vest in 2014. The RSU grants outstanding at the end of 2013 are disclosed in the table below titled, "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End."

CLAWBACKS

If NU's earnings were to be restated as a result of noncompliance with accounting rules caused by fraud or misconduct, NU would require its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reimbursement for certain incentive compensation received by each of them. To the extent that reimbursement were not required under SEC

rules or NYSE listing standards, NU's Incentive Plan would require any employee whose misconduct or fraud caused such restatement, as determined by the Board of Trustees, to reimburse NU for any incentive compensation received by him or her.

In addition, once final rules are adopted by the SEC regarding any additional clawback requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, NU will review its clawback policy and compensation plans and, if necessary, amend them to comply with the new mandates.

NO HEDGING AND NO PLEDGING POLICY

NU has adopted a policy prohibiting all hedging, pledging or derivative transactions or short sales involving NU securities by employees, including executive officers. The policy also prohibits executive officers from holding any NU securities in a margin account and from pledging NU securities as collateral for a loan. In addition, all equity compensation paid to NU's Trustees is automatically deferred and not distributed until retirement.

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Retirement Benefits

NU provides a qualified defined benefit pension program for certain senior executives, which is a final average pay program subject to tax code limits. Because of such limits, NU also maintains a supplemental non-qualified pension program. Benefits are based on base salary and certain incentive payments, which is consistent with the goal of providing a retirement benefit that replaces a percentage of pre-retirement income. The supplemental program makes up for benefits barred by tax code limits, and generally provides (together with the qualified pension program) benefits equal to approximately 60 percent of pre-retirement compensation (subject to certain reductions) for Messrs. May, Judge and Butler, and approximately 50 percent of such compensation for Mr. McHale.

Mr. Olivier's employment agreement provides retirement benefits similar to those of a previous employer instead of the supplemental program benefits described above. Under this agreement, he will receive a pension based on a prescribed formula if he meets certain eligibility requirements.

Also see the narrative accompanying the "Pension Benefits" table and accompanying notes for more detail on the above program.

401(k) Benefits

NU offers a qualified 401(k) program for all employees, including senior executives, subject to tax code limits. After applying these limits, the program provides a maximum match of up to \$10,200 for Messrs. May and Judge, which is equal to 50 percent of the first 8 percent of eligible base salary and annual cash incentive. For Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler, the program provides a maximum match of up to \$7,650, which is equal to 3 percent of eligible base salary (plus, beginning in 2014, annual cash incentive).

Deferred Compensation

NU offers a non-qualified deferred compensation program for all senior executives. In 2013, the program allowed deferral of up to 50 percent of base salary, annual incentives and stock incentive awards for Messrs. May and Judge.

Deferral of 100 percent of base salary and annual incentives was permitted in 2013 for Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler, and NU matched up to 3 percent of deferred base salary in excess of the \$255,000 tax code limit with deemed NU common share investments generally vesting in three years. The program allows participants to select investment measures for deferrals based on an array of deemed investment options (including certain mutual funds and publicly traded securities).

Effective in 2014, the program was amended to permit all senior executives to defer 100 percent of base salary, annual incentives and stock incentive awards, and the company match was eliminated.

See the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table and accompanying notes for additional details on the above program.

Perquisites

NU provides senior executives with limited financial planning, health services, vehicle leasing and access to tickets to sporting events, perquisites that we believe are consistent with peer companies. The current level of perquisites does not factor into decisions on total compensation.

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

NU maintains contractual agreements with all of the Named Executive Officers that provide for potential compensation in the event of certain terminations following a Change in Control. The agreements are consistent with general industry practice, and the company believes they are necessary to attract and retain high quality executives and to ensure executive focus on company business during the period leading up to a potential Change in Control. The agreements are "double-trigger" agreements that provide executives with compensation in the event of a Change in Control, while still providing an incentive to remain employed with NU for the transition period that follows.

Under the agreements, certain compensation is generally payable if, during the applicable change in control period, the executive is involuntarily terminated (other than for cause) or voluntarily terminates employment for "good reason." These agreements are described more fully below under "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control."

SHARE OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES

The Committee has approved share ownership guidelines to further emphasize the importance of share ownership by certain of our executive officers. As indicated in the table below, the guidelines call for NU's Chief Executive Officer to own common shares equal to six times base salary, the other senior executive officers to own a number of common shares equal to three times base salary and all other officers to own a number of common shares equal to one to two times base salary.

| <u>Executive Officer</u> | <u>Base Salary Multiple</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Chief Executive Officer | 6 |
| Executive Vice Presidents / Senior Vice Presidents | 3 |
| Operating Company Presidents | 2 |
| Vice Presidents | 1-1.5 |

NU requires that executive officers attain these ownership levels within five years. All executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, have satisfied the share ownership guidelines or are expected to satisfy them within the applicable timeframe. Common shares, whether held of record, in street name, or in individual 401(k) accounts, and RSUs satisfy the guidelines. Unexercised stock options and unvested performance shares do not count toward the ownership guidelines.

TAX AND ACCOUNTING CONSIDERATIONS

NU's annual and long-term incentive plans were approved by shareholders and permit annual incentive and performance share awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, NU believes that the availability of a tax deduction for forms of compensation is secondary to the goal of providing market-based compensation to attract and retain highly qualified executives. In addition, the compensation program plans were amended in 2008 to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

NU has adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718, *Compensation-Stock Compensation*. In general, NU and the Committee do not take accounting considerations into account in structuring compensation arrangements.

EQUITY GRANT PRACTICES

Equity awards noted in the compensation tables are made at the February meeting of the Committee (subject to the further approval of the Board of Trustees of NU's Chief Executive Officer's award) when the Committee also determines base salary, annual and long-term incentive compensation targets and annual incentive awards. The date of this meeting is chosen several months in advance, and therefore awards are not coordinated with the release of material non-public information.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The table below summarizes the total compensation paid or earned by CL&P's NEOs, consisting of the principal executive officer (Mr. Olivier), principal financial officer (Mr. Judge) and the three other most highly compensated executive officers serving at the end of 2013 (Messrs. May, McHale and Butler), determined in accordance with the applicable SEC disclosure rules. The table provides information for 2011 if the executive officer was included in the Summary Compensation Table for those years. As explained in the footnotes below, the amounts reflect the economic benefit to each Named Executive Officer of the compensation item paid or accrued on his behalf for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. The compensation shown for each Named Executive Officer was for all services in all capacities to NU and its subsidiaries. All salaries, annual incentive amounts and long-term incentive amounts shown for each Named Executive Officer were paid for all services rendered to NU and its subsidiaries, including CL&P, in all capacities.

**Change in
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| Name and | | Salary | Stock Awards | Non-Equity Incentive Plan | and Non-Qualified Deferred Earnings | All Other Compensation | Total |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Principal Position | Year | (\$)(2) | (\$)(3) | (\$)(4) | (\$)(5) | (\$)(6) | (\$) |
| Thomas J. May (1) Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of NU; Chairman of CL&P | 2013 | 1,161,250 | 4,263,480 | 2,125,000 | -- | 111,269 | 7,660,999 |
| | 2012 | 1,125,000 | 3,418,416 | 2,100,000 | 1,232,395 | 91,726 | 7,967,537 |
| James J. Judge (1) Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | 2013 | 570,750 | 1,074,069 | 650,000 | 111,279 | 20,886 | 2,426,984 |
| | 2012 | 535,667 | 793,045 | 640,000 | 1,097,100 | 21,085 | 3,086,897 |
| Leon J. Olivier Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NU; CEO of CL&P | 2013 | 599,242 | 1,131,462 | 670,000 | 109,818 | 23,668 | 2,534,190 |
| | 2012 | 583,043 | 889,147 | 974,236 | 887,046 | 17,491 | 3,350,963 |
| | 2011 | 565,548 | 852,791 | 412,500 | 724,796 | 16,966 | 2,572,601 |
| David R. McHale Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer | 2013 | 570,147 | 1,074,069 | 650,000 | -- | 22,104 | 2,316,320 |
| | 2012 | 553,853 | 844,685 | 939,939 | 1,127,536 | 16,615 | 3,482,628 |
| | 2011 | 537,721 | 810,080 | 393,750 | 798,025 | 16,132 | 2,555,708 |
| Gregory B. Butler Senior Vice President, General Counsel | 2013 | 444,423 | 746,109 | 505,000 | -- | 12,650 | 1,708,182 |
| | 2012 | 431,885 | 659,226 | 727,534 | 764,758 | 7,500 | 2,590,903 |
| | 2011 | 417,508 | 629,234 | 305,241 | 553,436 | 7,350 | 1,912,769 |

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Messrs. May and Judge became Named Executive Officers of NU and CL&P upon the completion of the Merger on April 10, 2012. They were not executive officers of NU or CL&P in 2011.

The 2012 compensation reported for Messrs. May and Judge includes compensation paid by NSTAR during the period from January 1, 2012 to April 9, 2012, prior to the closing of the merger, plus compensation paid by NU for the remainder of 2012 following the closing of the merger. The 2012 compensation paid by NU consisted of the following. For Mr. May, Salary: \$822,414; Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation: \$2,100,000; Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings: \$1,232,395; All Other Compensation: \$87,821; and Total: \$4,242,630. For Mr. Judge, Salary:

\$401,215; Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation: \$640,000; Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings: \$1,097,100; All Other Compensation: \$7,500; and Total: \$2,145,815.

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Includes amounts deferred in 2013 under the deferred compensation program, as follows: Mr. May: \$0; Mr. Judge: \$0; Mr. Olivier: \$119,849; Mr. McHale: \$9,693; and Mr. Butler: \$0. For more information, see the Executive Contributions in the Last Fiscal Year column of the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans Table.

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Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted share units (RSUs) and performance shares granted in each fiscal year, calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler were granted RSUs that vest in equal annual installments over three years as long-term incentive compensation. RSU holders are eligible to receive dividend equivalent units on outstanding RSUs held by them to the same extent that dividends are declared and paid on our common shares.

Dividend equivalent units are accounted for as additional common shares that accrue and are distributed simultaneously with the common shares issued upon vesting of the underlying RSUs. The amounts shown for Mr. May and Mr. Judge represent the value of Deferred Shares granted by NSTAR.

In 2013, each of the Named Executive Officers was granted performance shares as long-term incentive compensation.

These performance shares will vest on December 31, 2015 based on the extent to which the two performance conditions described in the CD&A are achieved. The grant date values for the performance shares, assuming achievement of the highest level of both performance conditions, are as follows: Mr. May: \$3,200,080; Mr. Judge: \$806,174; Mr. Olivier: \$849,252; Mr. McHale: \$806,174; and Mr. Butler: \$560,014.

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Includes payments to the Named Executive Officers under the 2013 Annual Incentive Program (Mr. May: \$2,125,000; Mr. Judge: \$650,000; Mr. Olivier: \$670,000; Mr. McHale: \$650,000; and Mr. Butler: \$505,000).

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Includes the actuarial increase in the present value from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 of the Named Executive Officer's accumulated benefits under all of our defined benefit pension plans determined using interest rate and mortality rate assumptions consistent with those appearing under the caption entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Named Executive Officer may not be fully vested in such amounts. More information on this topic is set forth with respect to the Pension Benefits table,

below. There were no above-market earnings on deferrals in 2013.

(6)

Includes matching contributions allocated by NU to the accounts of Named Executive Officers under the 401k program as follows: \$10,200 for Messrs. May and Judge, and \$7,650 for Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler. Also includes employer matching contributions under the deferred compensation program for eligible Named Executive Officers who made deferral elections in late 2012 for salary earned in 2013 (Mr. McHale: \$9,511 and Mr. Olivier: \$10,391). Mr. Butler did not participate in the deferred compensation program in 2013. For Mr. May, the value shown includes \$60,837 attributable to a previously granted \$6.155 million present value life insurance benefit; financial planning services valued at \$6,720; \$7,042 paid by NU for company-leased vehicles and \$26,470 for a home security system. For Mr. Judge, the value shown includes financial planning services valued at \$6,800 and \$3,886 paid by NU for company-leased vehicles. Some of these perquisites are made available to senior executives; however, none of the other Named Executive Officers received perquisites valued in the aggregate in excess of \$10,000.

GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS DURING 2013

The Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table provides information on the range of potential payouts under all incentive plan awards during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. The table also discloses the underlying stock awards and the grant date for equity-based awards. NU has not granted any stock options since 2002.

| Name | Grant Date | Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards | | | Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1) | | | All Other Stock Awards: Date Fair Value of Shares of Stock or Units (2) | | Grant Awards: Fair Value of Option Awards (3) |
|--------------------------|------------|---|-------------|--------------|---|------------|-------------|---|-----------|---|
| | | Threshold (\$) | Target (\$) | Maximum (\$) | Threshold (\$) | Target (#) | Maximum (#) | (#) | (#) | (\$) |
| Thomas J. May | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Incentive (4) | 2/4/2013 | 585,000 | 1,170,000 | 2,340,000 | | | | | | |
| Long-Term Incentive (5) | 2/5/2013 | | | | 52,000 | 104,000 | | 52,000 | 4,263,480 | |
| James J. Judge | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Incentive (4) | 2/4/2013 | 187,000 | 374,000 | 748,000 | | | | | | |
| Long-Term Incentive (5) | 2/5/2013 | | | | 13,100 | 26,200 | | 13,100 | 1,074,069 | |
| Leon J. Olivier | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Incentive (4) | 2/4/2013 | 196,500 | 393,000 | 786,000 | | | | | | |
| Long-Term Incentive (5) | 2/5/2013 | | | | 13,800 | 27,600 | | 13,800 | 1,131,462 | |
| David R. McHale | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Incentive (4) | 2/4/2013 | 187,000 | 374,000 | 748,000 | | | | | | |
| Long-Term Incentive (5) | 2/5/2013 | | | | 13,100 | 26,200 | | 13,100 | 1,074,069 | |
| Gregory B. Butler | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Incentive (4) | 2/4/2013 | 145,500 | 291,000 | 582,000 | | | | | | |
| Long-Term Incentive (5) | 2/5/2013 | | | | 9,100 | 18,200 | | 9,100 | 746,109 | |

(1)

Reflects the number of performance shares granted to each of the Named Executive Officers on February 5, 2013 under the 2013 - 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program. Performance shares were granted subject to a three-year Performance Period that ends on December 31, 2015. At the end of the Performance Period, common shares will be awarded based on actual performance as a percentage of target, subject to reduction for applicable withholding taxes. Holders of performance shares are eligible to receive dividend equivalent units on outstanding performance shares

held by them to the same extent that dividends are declared and paid on our common shares. Dividend equivalent units are accounted for as additional common shares that accrue and are distributed simultaneously with the NU common shares underlying the performance shares. The Annual Incentive Plan does not include an equity component.

(2)

Reflects the number of RSUs granted to each of the Named Executive Officers on February 5, 2013 under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program. RSUs vest in equal installments on February 4, 2014, 2015 and 2016. NU will distribute common shares with respect to vested RSUs on a one-for-one basis following vesting, after reduction for applicable withholding taxes. Holders of RSUs are eligible to receive dividend equivalent units on outstanding RSUs held by them to the same extent that dividends are declared and paid on NU common shares. Dividend equivalent units are accounted for as additional common shares that accrue and are distributed simultaneously with the NU common shares distributed in respect of the underlying RSUs.

(3)

Reflects the grant-date fair value, determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of RSUs and performance shares granted to the Named Executive Officers on February 5, 2013 under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program.

(4)

Amounts reflect the range of potential payouts, if any, under the 2013 Annual Incentive Program for each Named Executive Officer, as described in the CD&A. The payment in 2014 for performance in 2013 is set forth in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table. The threshold payment under the Annual Incentive Program is 50 percent of target.

(5)

Reflects the range of potential payouts, if any, pursuant to performance share awards under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program, as described in the CD&A.

EQUITY GRANTS OUTSTANDING AT DECEMBER 31, 2013

The following table sets forth option and RSU grants outstanding at the end of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 for each of the Named Executive Officers. All outstanding options were fully vested as of April 10, 2012.

| Name | Option Awards (1) | | | Stock Awards (2) | | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#) | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Expiration Date | Number of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (#) (3) | Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (\$ (4) | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#) (5) | Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$ (6) |
| Thomas J. May | 244,032 | 28.12 | 5/3/17 | | | | |
| | 196,800 | 24.74 | 1/24/18 | | | | |
| | 208,608 | 25.93 | 1/22/19 | | | | |
| | 174,496 | 26.90 | 1/28/20 | | | | |
| | | | | 160,757 | 6,814,489 | 53,832 | 2,281,938 |
| James J. Judge | | | | 112,768 | 4,780,236 | 13,562 | 574,893 |
| Leon J. Olivier | | | | 95,685 | 4,056,087 | 14,286 | 605,584 |
| David R. McHale | | | | 111,430 | 4,723,518 | 13,562 | 574,893 |
| Gregory B. Butler | | | | 83,592 | 3,543,465 | 9,421 | 399,356 |

(1)

Options held by Mr. May were granted by NSTAR before the Merger and assumed by NU upon completion of the Merger.

(2)

Awards and market values of awards appearing in the table and the accompanying notes have been rounded to whole units.

(3)

A total of 168,407 unvested RSUs vested after January 1 and on or before February 25, 2014 (Mr. May: 85,731 and Mr. Judge: 19,914; Mr. Olivier: 23,479; Mr. McHale: 22,300; and Mr. Butler: 16,983). An additional 40,409 unvested RSUs will vest on January 26, 2015 (Mr. May: 32,800 and Mr. Judge: 7,609). An additional 34,888 unvested RSUs will vest on February 4, 2015 (Mr. May: 17,944; Mr. Judge: 4,521; Mr. Olivier: 4,762; Mr. McHale: 4,521; and Mr. Butler: 3,140). An additional 24,489 unvested RSUs will vest on February 25, 2015 (Mr. Olivier: 9,099; Mr. McHale: 8,644; and Mr. Butler: 6,746). An additional 34,890 unvested RSUs will vest on February 4, 2016 (Mr. May: 17,945; Mr. Judge: 4,521; Mr. Olivier: 4,762; Mr. McHale: 4,521; and Mr. Butler: 3,141).

In connection with the Merger, in November 2010, NU and NSTAR each established retention pools in an aggregate amount of \$10 million to be allocated to key employees, including some or all executive officers, to help ensure their continued dedication to each company both before and after completion of the Merger. Awards were in the form of RSUs and generally vest subject to three years of continuous service following completion of the Merger. Full payment will also be made if an eligible executive dies, becomes disabled, or is terminated by NU without "cause" before the end of the retention period, in which case the retention payment will be reduced by the amount of any cash severance payable to the executive upon or during the year following termination. Awards granted to former NSTAR executive officers were assumed by NU upon completion of the Merger. An additional 253,365 unvested RSUs granted pursuant to the retention pools will vest subject to three years of continuous service following completion of the Merger (Mr. Judge: 74,755; Mr. Olivier: 53,583; Mr. McHale: 71,444, and Mr. Butler: 53,583). Mr. May did not participate in this program.

(4)

The market value of RSUs is determined by multiplying the number of RSUs by \$42.39, the closing price per NU common share on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

(5)

Reflects the target payout level for 2013 performance shares. The payout for 2013 performance shares will be based on actual performance as a percentage of target, subject to reduction for applicable withholding taxes. As described more fully under Performance Shares in the CD&A and footnote (1) to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table, performance shares will vest following a three-year performance period based on the extent to which the two 2013 performance conditions are achieved. A total of 104,663 unearned performance shares (including accrued dividend equivalents) will vest on December 31, 2015, assuming achievement of these conditions at a target level of performance: (Mr. May: 53,832; Mr. Judge: 13,562; Mr. Olivier: 14,286; Mr. McHale: 13,562; and Mr. Butler: 9,421).

(6)

The market value is determined by multiplying the number of performance shares in the adjacent column by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

OPTIONS EXERCISED AND STOCK VESTED IN 2013

The following table reports amounts realized on equity compensation during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. The Stock Awards columns report the vesting of RSU grants to the Named Executive Officers in 2013.

| Name | Option Awards | | Stock Awards | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise | Value Realized on Exercise | Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting | Value Realized on Vesting |
| | | (\$) (1) | (#) (2) | (\$) (3) |
| Thomas J. May | 262,400 | \$5,633,484 | 69,605 | 2,801,591 |
| James J. Judge | | | 15,807 | 636,221 |
| Leon J. Olivier | | | 26,331 | 1,080,088 |
| David R. McHale | | | 25,051 | 1,027,580 |
| Gregory B. Butler | | | 19,478 | 798,971 |

(1)

Represents the amounts realized upon option exercises, which is the difference between the option exercise price and the market price at the time of exercise.

(2)

Includes RSUs granted to the Named Executive Officers under NU's long-term incentive programs, including dividend reinvestments, as follows:

| Name | 2010 Program | 2011 Program | 2012 Program | 2013 Program |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Thomas J. May | | 35,925 | 33,680 | |
| James J. Judge | | 7,993 | 7,813 | |
| Leon J. Olivier | 8,251 | 9,291 | 8,789 | |
| David R. McHale | 7,875 | 8,825 | 8,350 | |
| Gregory B. Butler | 6,106 | 6,855 | 6,516 | |

In all cases, the distribution of common shares is reduced by that number of shares valued in an amount sufficient to satisfy tax withholding obligations, which amount is distributed in cash.

(3)

Values realized on vesting for Messrs. May and Judge are based on \$40.25 per share, the closing price of NU common shares on January 28, 2013. Values realized on vesting for Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler are based on \$41.02 per share, the closing price of NU common shares on February 25, 2013.

PENSION BENEFITS IN 2013

The Pension Benefits Table shows the estimated present value of accumulated retirement benefits payable to each Named Executive Officer upon retirement based on the assumptions described below. The table distinguishes between benefits available under the qualified pension program, the supplemental pension program, and any additional benefits available under contractual agreements. See the narrative above in the CD&A under the heading "OTHER- Retirement Benefits" and "CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS" for more detail on benefits under these plans and our agreements.

The values shown in the Pension Benefits Table for Messrs. May and Judge were calculated as of December 31, 2013 based on benefit payments in the form of a lump sum. For Messrs. McHale and Butler, a payment of benefits in the form of a one-half spousal contingent annuitant option was assumed. In recognition of Mr. May's contribution to the success of NU and in order to incent Mr. May to postpone retirement, continue to serve as NU's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, including, but not limited to, carrying out the critical task of completing the integration of the legacy companies, the Committee and the Board of Trustees approved a resolution in February of 2014 providing that the net present value of Mr. May's supplemental pension program benefit will be not less than the amount that represents the value of his earned supplemental pension program benefit as of December 31, 2012, the end of the year that Mr. May reached retirement age. The supplemental retirement benefit equaled \$23.05 million at that date. Such earned supplemental pension program benefit value could otherwise change in the future because of the reduction in mortality factors and the potentially rising interest rates. NU's Board believes that Mr. May's continuing employment is critical to the success of NU, and that establishing a minimum supplemental pension program value at the amount that was previously earned is fair and desirable. The values shown in the Pension Benefits Table for Mr. May reflect this. For Mr. Olivier, both a lump sum payment of his special retirement benefits under his agreement, and payment of his qualified pension program benefit as a life annuity with a one-third spousal contingent annuitant option (the typical payment form under that Plan), were assumed.

The values shown in this Table for the Named Executive Officers were based on benefit payments commencing at the earliest possible ages for retirement with unreduced benefits: Mr. May: age 60, Mr. Judge: age 60, Mr. Olivier: age 60, Mr. McHale: age 60, Mr. Butler: age 62.

In addition, benefits under the qualified pension program were determined using tax code limits in effect on December 31, 2013. For Messrs. May and Judge, the values shown reflect actual 2013 salary and annual incentives earned in 2012 but paid in 2013 (per applicable supplemental program rules). For Messrs. McHale and Butler, the

values shown reflect actual 2013 salary and annual incentives earned in 2013 but paid in 2014 (per applicable supplemental program rules).

The present value of benefits at retirement age were determined using the discount rate of 4.85 percent (5.03 percent for Messrs. Olivier, McHale and Butler) under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87 for the 2013 fiscal year end measurement (as of December 31, 2013). This present value assumes no pre-retirement mortality, turnover or disability. However, for the postretirement period beginning at retirement age, we used the RP2000 Combined Healthy mortality table (the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for Mr. Olivier per his agreement) as published by the Society of Actuaries projected to 2013 with projection scale AA, which is the same table used for financial reporting under FAS 87. Additional assumptions appear under the caption entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Pension Benefits

| Name | Plan Name | Number of Years Credited Service (#) | Present Value of Accumulation Benefit (\$) | During Last Fiscal Year (\$) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Thomas J. May | Pension Plan | 37.5 | 2,283,984 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 20.0 | 6,107,124 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 37.5 | 13,681,087 | |
| James Judge | Pension Plan | 36.33 | 2,264,922 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 20.0 | 3,598,556 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 36.33 | 2,349,639 | |
| Leon J. Olivier (1) | Pension Plan | 14.8 | 616,794 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 12.3 | 4,062,892 | |
| | Special Pension Benefit | 31.2 | 1,216,389 | 105,966 |
| David R. McHale | Pension Plan | 32.3 | 1,131,791 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 32.3 | 4,287,656 | |
| Gregory B. Butler | Pension Plan | 16.0 | 578,831 | |
| | Supplemental Plan | 16.0 | 1,611,333 | |

(1)

Mr. Olivier was employed with Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, one of NU's subsidiaries, from October of 1998 through March of 2001. In connection with this employment, he received a special retirement benefit that provided credit for service with his previous employer, Boston Edison Company (BECO), when calculating the value of his defined benefit pension, offset by the pension benefit provided by BECO. The benefit, which commenced upon Mr. Olivier's 55th birthday, provides an annuity of \$105,966 per year in a form that provides no contingent annuitant benefit. The present value of future payments under this benefit was calculated using the actuarial assumptions currently used by the pension program. Mr. Olivier was rehired by NU from Entergy in September 2001.

Mr. Olivier's current employment agreement provides for certain supplemental pension benefits in lieu of benefits under the supplemental program, in order to provide a benefit similar to that provided by Entergy. Under this arrangement, Mr. Olivier is eligible to receive a supplemental benefit, consisting of three percent of final average

compensation for each of his first 15 years of service since September 10, 2001, plus one percent of final average compensation for each of the second 15 years of service. Alternatively, if Mr. Olivier voluntarily terminates his employment with NU, he is eligible to receive upon retirement a lump sum payment of \$2,050,000 in lieu of benefits under the supplemental program and the benefit described in the preceding sentence. These supplemental pension benefits will be offset by the value of any benefits he receives from the pension program. Amounts reported in the table assume the termination of his employment with our consent on December 31, 2013, and payment of the lump sum benefit of \$4,062,892 offset by pension program benefits.

NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN 2013

See the narrative above in the CD&A under the heading "ELEMENTS OF 2013 COMPENSATION OTHER Deferred Compensation" for more detail on the non-qualified deferred compensation program.

| Name | Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$ (1)) | Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$ (2)) | Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$) | Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$ (3)) | Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$ (4)) |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| Thomas J. May | | | 5,644,052 | | 44,963,882 |
| James J. Judge | | | 385,048 | | 3,372,253 |
| Leon J. Olivier | 119,849 | 10,530 | 650,128 | | 2,581,912 |
| David R. McHale | 9,693 | 9,601 | 10,499 | | 82,056 |
| Gregory B. Butler | | | 1,492 | | 13,261 |

(1)

Includes deferrals under the deferred compensation program (Mr. Olivier: \$119,849 and Mr. McHale: \$9,693).

Named Executive Officers who participate in this program are provided with a variety of investment opportunities, which the individual can modify and reallocate under the program terms. Contributions by the Named Executive Officer are vested at all times; however, the applicable employer matching contribution vests after three years and will be forfeited if the executive s

employment terminates, other than for retirement, death or disability, prior to vesting, but will become fully vested upon a change of control. The amounts reported in this column for each Named Executive Officer are reflected as compensation to such Named Executive Officer in the Summary Compensation Table.

(2)

Includes employer matching contributions made by NU under the deferred compensation program as of December 31, 2013 and posted on January 31, 2014, as reported in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table: (Mr. Olivier: \$10,391; and Mr. McHale: \$9,511). The employer matching contribution is deemed to be invested in common shares but is paid in cash at the time of distribution.

(3)

Includes the total market value of deferred compensation program balances at December 31, 2013, plus the value of vested RSUs or other awards for which the distribution of common shares is currently deferred, based on \$42.39, the closing price per NU common share on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year. The aggregate balances reflect a significant level of earnings on previously earned and deferred compensation.

POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL

Generally, a "change of control" means a change in ownership or control of NU effected through (i) the acquisition of 20 percent or more of the combined voting power of common shares or other voting securities (30 percent for Messrs. May and Judge, excluding certain defined transactions), (ii) the acquisition of more than 50 percent of common shares excluding certain defined transactions (for Messrs. May and Judge), (iii) a change in the majority of NU's Board of Trustees, unless approved by a majority of the incumbent Trustees, (iv) certain reorganizations, mergers or consolidations where substantially all of the persons who were the beneficial owners of the outstanding common shares immediately prior to such business combination do not beneficially own more than 50 percent (75 percent for Mr. Olivier) of the voting power of the resulting business entity (excluding in certain cases defined transactions), and (v) complete liquidation or dissolution of NU, or a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of NU other than, for Messrs. McHale and Butler, to an entity with respect to which following completion of the transaction more than 50 percent (75 percent for Mr. Olivier) of common shares or other voting securities is then owned by all or substantially all of the persons who were the beneficial owners of common shares and other voting securities immediately prior to such transaction.

In the event of a change of control, the Named Executive Officers are generally entitled to receive compensation and benefits following either involuntary termination of employment without "cause" or voluntary termination of employment for "good reason" within the applicable period (generally two years following change of control or shareholder approval thereof). The Committee believes that termination for good reason is conceptually the same as termination "without cause" and, in the absence of this provision, potential acquirers would have an incentive to constructively terminate executives to avoid paying severance. Termination for "cause" generally means termination due to a felony or certain other convictions; fraud, embezzlement, or theft in the course of employment; intentional,

wrongful damage to Company property; gross misconduct or gross negligence in the course of employment or gross neglect of duties harmful to the Company; or a material breach of obligations under the agreement. "Good reason" for termination generally exists after assignment of duties inconsistent with executive's position, a material reduction in compensation or benefits, a transfer more than 50 miles from the executive's pre-change of control principal business location (or for Messrs. May and Judge, a transfer outside the Greater Boston Metropolitan Area), or requiring business travel to a substantially greater extent than required pre-change of control (for Messrs. May and Judge).

The discussion and tables below show compensation payable to each Named Executive Officer, in the event of: (i) termination for cause; (ii) voluntary termination; (iii) involuntary not-for-cause termination; (iv) termination in the event of disability; (v) death; and (vi) termination following change of control. The amounts shown assume that each termination was effective as of December 31, 2013, the last business day of the fiscal year as required under SEC reporting requirements.

The summaries above do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the actual terms and provisions of the agreements and plans, copies of which have been filed as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Payments Upon Termination

Regardless of the manner in which the employment of a Named Executive Officer terminates, he is entitled to receive certain amounts earned during his term of employment. Such amounts include:

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Vested RSUs and certain other vested awards;

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Amounts contributed and any vested matching contributions under the deferred compensation program;

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Pay for unused vacation; and

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Amounts accrued and vested under the pension/supplemental and 401k programs (except in the event of a termination for cause under the supplemental program).

As a result, we do not include these amounts in the tables.

See the section above captioned "PENSION BENEFITS IN 2013" for information about the pension program, supplemental program and other benefits, and the section captioned "NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN 2013."

I.**Post-Employment Compensation: Termination for Cause**

| Type of Payment | May | Judge | Olivier | McHale | Butler |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives | | | | | |
| Performance Shares | | | | | |
| RSUs | | | | | |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |
| Supplemental Benefit (1) | | | 1,216,389 | | |
| Deferred Compensation Program | | | | | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Cash Value | | | | | |
| Perquisites | | | | | |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages | | | | | |
| Total | | — | —1,216,389 | | — |

(1)

Represents actuarial present values at year-end 2013 of amounts payable solely under Mr. Olivier's employment agreement upon termination (which are in addition to amounts due under the pension program). Under Mr. Olivier's agreement, he would receive upon termination a lump sum payment of \$2,050,000, offset by the value of pension program benefits.

II.**Post-Employment Compensation: Voluntary Termination**

| Type of Payment | May | Judge | Olivier | McHale | Butler |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives (1) | 2,125,000 | 650,000 | 670,000 | 650,000 | 505,000 |
| Performance Shares (2) | 2,281,952 | 191,645 | 555,139 | | 133,105 |
| RSUs (3) | 2,091,777 | 175,664 | 1,734,238 | | 659,970 |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Supplemental Benefit (4) | | | | | 1,216,389 |
| Deferred Compensation Program | | | | | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Benefits | | | | | |
| Perquisites | | | | | |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages | | | | | |
| Total | 6,498,729 | 1,017,309 | 4,175,766 | 650,000 | 1,298,075 |

(1)

Represents actual 2013 annual incentive awards, determined as described in the CD&A.

(2)

Represents performance share awards under the 2013 - 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program for the Named Executive Officers.

(3)

Represents values of RSUs granted to the Named Executive Officers under NU's long-term incentive programs that, at year-end 2013, were unvested under applicable vesting schedules. Under these programs, RSUs vest pro rata based on credited service years and age at termination, and time worked during the vesting period. The values were calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year. Excludes retention pool RSU grants, which would not vest upon voluntary termination.

(4)

Represents actuarial present values at year-end 2013 of amounts payable solely under employment agreements (which are in addition to amounts due under the pension program). Under Mr. Olivier's agreement, he would receive a lump sum payment of \$2,050,000, offset by the value of pension program benefits. Amounts shown are year-end 2013 present values payable upon termination.

III.**Post-Employment Compensation: Involuntary Termination, Not for Cause**

| Type of Payment | May (\$) | Judge (\$) | Olivier (\$) | McHale (\$) | Butler (\$) |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives (1) | 2,125,000 | 650,000 | 670,000 | 650,000 | 505,000 |
| Performance Shares (2) | 2,281,952 | 191,645 | 555,139 | | 133,105 |
| RSUs (3) | 2,091,777 | 3,344,473 | 4,005,621 | 1,131,026 | 1,452,953 |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |
| Supplemental Benefit (4) | | | 1,216,389 | 3,324,554 | 2,231,789 |
| Deferred Compensation Program (5) | | | | 9,511 | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Benefits (6) | | | | 78,326 | 76,985 |
| Perquisites (7) | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement (8) | | | | 948,750 | 739,200 |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages (9) | | | | 948,750 | 739,200 |
| Total | 6,498,729 | 4,186,118 | 6,447,149 | 7,100,917 | 5,888,232 |

(1)

Represents actual 2013 Named Executive Officer annual incentive awards, determined as described in the CD&A.

(2)

Represents performance share awards under the 2013 - 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program for Messrs. May, Judge, Olivier, McHale and Butler.

(3)

Represents values of RSUs under our long-term incentive programs that, at year-end 2013, were unvested under applicable vesting schedules. Under these programs, RSUs vest pro rata based on credited service years and age at termination, and time worked during the vesting period. Under the retention program, RSUs vest fully upon termination without cause and the value is reduced by separation payments. The values were calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

(4)

Represents actuarial present values at year-end 2013 of amounts payable solely under employment agreements upon termination (which are in addition to amounts due under the pension program). Mr. Olivier's agreement provides for a lump sum payment of \$3,271,654 offset by the value of pension program benefits. Agreements with Messrs. McHale and Butler provide for two years age and service credit under the supplemental program.

(5)

Represents value of NU matching contributions under the deferred compensation program that were unvested under applicable vesting schedules (other amounts in this program represent previously vested NU matching contributions, where applicable, and earned compensation contributed by executives).

(6)

Represents estimated costs to NU at year-end 2013 of providing post-employment welfare benefits beyond those available to non-executives upon involuntary termination. The amount reported in the table for Messrs. McHale and Butler represents (a) the value of two years employer contributions toward active health, long-term disability, and life insurance benefits, plus (b) a payment to offset any taxes thereon (gross-up).

(7)

Represents the cost to NU of reimbursing Messrs. McHale and Butler for two years financial planning and tax preparation fees.

(8)

Represents consideration for agreements not to compete with NU following termination. Employment agreements with these executives provide for a lump-sum payment equal to the sum of their base salary plus annual incentive award. These payments do not replace, offset or otherwise affect the calculation or payment of the annual incentive awards.

(9)

Represents severance payments in addition to any non-compete agreement payments described in the prior note.

IV.

Post-Employment Compensation: Termination Upon Disability

| Type of Payment | May | Judge | Olivier | McHale | Butler |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives (1) | 2,125,000 | 650,000 | 670,000 | 650,000 | 505,000 |
| Performance Shares (2) | 760,646 | 191,645 | 555,139 | 191,645 | 133,105 |
| RSUs and Other Awards (3) | 5,229,782 | 4,381,049 | 2,473,244 | 3,895,105 | 2,931,353 |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |
| Supplemental Benefit (4) | | | 1,216,389 | | |
| Deferred Compensation Program (5) | | | | 9,511 | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Benefits | | | | | |
| Perquisites | | | | | |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages | | | | | |
| Total | 8,115,428 | 5,222,694 | 4,914,772 | 4,746,261 | 3,569,458 |

(1)

Represents actual 2013 Named Executive Officer annual incentive awards, determined as described in the CD&A.

(2)

Represents performance share awards under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program for the Named Executive Officers.

(3)

Represents values of RSUs and other awards under long-term incentive programs and retention awards that, at year-end 2013, were unvested under applicable vesting schedules. Under these programs and awards, upon termination due to disability, awards vest in full or on a prorated basis based on credited service years and age at termination, and time worked during the vesting period. The values were calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

(4)

Represents the actuarial present values at the end of 2013 of the amounts payable solely as the result of employment agreements upon termination (which are in addition to amounts payable under the pension program). Under Mr. Olivier's agreement, a disability termination results in a lump sum payment of \$3,271,654, offset by the value of pension program benefits.

(5)

Represents value of NU matching contributions under the deferred compensation program that were unvested under applicable vesting schedules (other amounts in this program represent previously vested NU matching contributions, where applicable, and earned compensation contributed by executives).

V.

Post-Employment Compensation: Death

| Type of Payment | May | Judge | Olivier | McHale | Butler |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives (1) | 2,125,000 | 650,000 | 670,000 | 650,000 | 505,000 |
| Performance Shares (2) | 760,646 | 191,645 | 555,139 | 191,645 | 133,105 |
| RSUs and Other Awards (3) | 5,229,782 | 4,381,049 | 2,473,244 | 3,895,105 | 2,931,353 |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |
| Supplemental Benefit (4) | | | 1,216,389 | | |
| Deferred Compensation Program (5) | | | | 9,511 | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Benefits | | | | | |
| Perquisites | | | | | |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement | | | | | |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages | | | | | |
| Total | 8,115,428 | 5,222,694 | 4,914,772 | 4,746,261 | 3,569,458 |

(1)

Represents actual 2013 Named Executive Officer annual incentive awards, determined as described in the CD&A.

(2)

Represents performance share awards under the 2013 - 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program for the Named Executive Officers.

(3)

Represents values of RSUs and other awards under our long-term incentive programs and retention awards that, at year-end 2013, were unvested under applicable vesting schedules. Under these programs and awards, upon termination due to death, awards vest in full or are prorated based on credited service years and age at termination, and time worked during the vesting period. The values were calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

(4)

Represents the actuarial present values at the end of 2013 of the amounts payable to a surviving spouse solely under agreements (which are in addition to amounts due under the pension program). Under Mr. Olivier's agreement, this benefit would be a lump sum payment of \$3,271,654, offset by the value of pension program benefits. Pension amounts shown in the table are year-end 2013 present values of benefits immediately payable to the spouse or estate.

(5)

Represents value of NU matching contributions under the deferred compensation program that were unvested under applicable vesting schedules (other amounts in this program represent previously vested NU matching contributions, where applicable, and earned compensation contributed by executives).

Payments Made Upon a Change of Control

The agreements with Messrs. May, Judge, McHale, and Butler include change of control benefits. Mr. Olivier participates in the Special Severance Program for Officers (SSP), which also provides change of control benefits. The agreements and the SSP are binding on NU and on certain of our majority-owned subsidiaries, including CL&P.

Pursuant to the agreements and the SSP, if an involuntary non-"cause" termination of employment occurs following a change of control (see definition of "cause" above under the heading of "POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL"), or in the event of a voluntary termination for "good reason" (as described above under such heading), then the Named Executive Officers generally will receive the benefits listed below:

For Messrs. May and Judge, a lump sum severance payment of three-times (two-times for Messrs. McHale and Butler, and one-time for Mr. Olivier) the sum of the executive's base salary plus annual incentive award for the relevant year (Base Compensation), plus for Messrs. McHale and Butler consideration for two-year non-compete and non-solicitation covenants (one year covenant for Mr. Olivier) in the form of a lump sum payment equal to Base Compensation;

Three years health benefits continuation (two years for Mr. Olivier);

For Messrs. McHale and Butler, three years additional age and service credit under the applicable supplemental pension program (a lump sum payment equal to the value of such credit under that program and the pension program for Messrs. May and Judge);

Automatic vesting and distribution of long-term performance awards (with performance shares vesting at target) and certain other awards; and

A lump sum equal to any excise taxes incurred under the Internal Revenue Code due to receipt of change of control payments, plus an amount to offset any taxes incurred on such payments (gross-up) except for Mr. Olivier. (NU has discontinued the practice of providing such gross-up payments in contractual agreements for newly elected executives.)

For Messrs. McHale and Butler, the Merger did not constitute a change of control under their agreements. For Mr. Olivier, no compensation or benefits will be payable unless employment terminates during the applicable change of control period in the circumstances described below. For Messrs. May and Judge, in accordance with terms established by the NSTAR Executive Personnel Committee subsequent to the execution of the Merger Agreement between NU and NSTAR, and notwithstanding the terms of the NSTAR Long Term Incentive Plan, which called for outstanding and unvested stock awards to vest upon a change in control, the 2011 and 2012 NSTAR performance awards did not vest upon the closing of the Merger, but were instead converted to RSUs and were made subject to the same vesting schedule as NU RSUs. No other benefits will be payable to these executives unless employment terminates during the applicable period in the circumstances described below.

The above summaries do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the actual terms and provisions of the agreements and programs (including component plans), copies of which have been filed as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K (where applicable).

VI.

Post-Employment Compensation: Termination Following a Change of Control

| Type of Payment | May | Judge | Olivier | McHale | Butler |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Incentive Programs | | | | | |
| Annual Incentives (1) | 2,125,000 | 650,000 | 670,000 | 650,000 | 505,000 |
| Performance Shares (2) | 2,281,952 | 574,876 | 605,595 | 574,876 | 399,341 |
| RSUs and Other Awards (3) | 6,814,460 | 1,611,439 | 2,062,876 | 1,877,281 | 1,325,873 |
| Pension and Deferred Compensation | | | | | |
| Supplemental Plan | | | | | |
| Supplemental Benefit (4) | 775,006 | 1,779,745 | 1,216,389 | 6,629,031 | 2,664,404 |
| Deferred Compensation Program (5) | | | | 9,511 | |
| Other Benefits | | | | | |
| Health and Welfare Benefits (6) | 64,080 | 60,921 | 24,807 | 109,669 | 96,163 |
| Perquisites (7) | 20,160 | 20,400 | | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Separation Payments | | | | | |
| Excise Tax & Gross-Up (8) | | | | 4,272,087 | 2,954,307 |
| Separation Payment for Non-Compete Agreement (9) | | | 996,600 | 948,750 | 739,200 |
| Separation Payment for Liquidated Damages (10) | 9,810,000 | 3,645,000 | 996,600 | 1,897,500 | 1,478,400 |
| Total | 21,890,658 | 8,342,381 | 6,572,867 | 16,983,705 | 10,177,688 |

(1)

Represents actual 2013 annual incentive awards, determined as described in the CD&A.

(2)

Represents performance share awards under the 2013 2015 Long-Term Incentive Program for the Named Executive Officers.

(3)

Represents values of RSUs and other awards under long-term incentive programs and retention awards that, at year-end 2013, were unvested under applicable vesting schedules. Under these programs, upon termination in certain cases without cause or for good reason following a change of control, awards generally vest in full. Retention awards vest in full in such circumstances, and the payout value is reduced by any separation payments as described above.

The values were calculated by multiplying the number of shares subject to awards by \$42.39, the closing price of NU common shares on December 31, 2013, the last trading day of the year.

(4)

Represents actuarial present value at year-end 2013 of amounts payable solely as a result of provisions in employment agreements (which are in addition to amounts payable under the pension program). For Messrs. May, Judge, McHale and Butler, pension benefits were calculated by adding three years of service (and a lump sum of this benefit value is payable to Messrs. May, Judge and Butler). Mr. Olivier's agreement provides for a lump sum payment of \$4,062,892, offset by his pension program benefit value. Pension amounts shown in the table are present values at year-end 2013 of benefits payable upon termination as described with respect to the Pension Benefits Table above.

(5)

Represents value of NU matching contributions under the deferred compensation program that were unvested under applicable vesting schedules (other amounts in this program represent previously vested NU matching contributions, where applicable, and earned compensation contributed by executives).

(6)

Represents the cost to NU at year-end 2013 (estimated by our benefits consultants) of providing post-employment welfare benefits to Named Executive Officers beyond those benefits provided to non-executives upon involuntary termination. The amounts shown in the table for Messrs. May and Judge represent the value of three years continued welfare plan participation. The amounts shown in the table for Messrs. McHale and Butler represent (a) the value of three years employer contributions toward active health, long-term disability, and life insurance benefits, plus (b) a payment to offset any taxes on the value of these benefits (gross-up), less (c) the value of one year retiree health coverage at retiree rates. The amounts reported in the table for Mr. Olivier represent (a) the value of two years employer contributions toward active health benefits, plus (b) a payment to offset any taxes on the value of these benefits (gross-up), less (c) the value of two years retiree health coverage at retiree rates.

(7)

Represents cost to NU of reimbursing financial planning and tax preparation fees for three years.

(8)

Represents payments made to offset costs to Messrs. McHale and Butler associated with certain excise taxes under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code. Executives may be subject to certain excise taxes under Section 280G if they receive payments and benefits related to a termination following a Change of Control that exceed specified Internal Revenue Service limits. Contractual agreements with the above executives provide for a grossed-up reimbursement of these excise taxes. The amounts in the table are based on the Section 280G excise tax rate of 20 percent, the statutory federal income tax withholding rate of 35 percent, the applicable state income tax rate, and the Medicare tax rate of 1.45 percent.

(9)

Represents payments made under agreements or the SSP as consideration for agreement not to compete with NU following termination of employment equal to the sum of base salary plus relevant annual incentive award. These payments do not replace, offset or otherwise affect the calculation or payment of the annual incentive awards.

(10)

Represents severance payments in addition to any non-compete agreement payments described in the prior note. For Messrs. May and Judge, this payment equals three-times the sum of base salary plus relevant annual incentive award (two-times the sum for Messrs. McHale and Butler, and one-time the sum for Mr. Olivier.) These payments do not replace, offset or otherwise affect the calculation or payment of the annual incentive awards.

Item 12.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

NU

In addition to the information below under "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans," incorporated herein by reference is the information contained in the sections "Common Share Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" and "Common Share Ownership of Trustees and Management" of NU's definitive proxy statement for solicitation of proxies, expected to be filed with the SEC on or about March 21, 2014.

NSTAR ELECTRIC, PSNH and WMECO

Certain information required by this Item 12 has been omitted for NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO pursuant to Instruction I(2)(c) to Form 10-K, Omission of Information by Certain Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries.

CL&P

COMMON SHARE OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT

NU owns 100 percent of the outstanding common stock of CL&P. The table below shows the number of NU common shares beneficially owned as of February 14, 2014, by each of CL&P's directors and each Named Executive Officer of CL&P, as well as the number of NU common shares beneficially owned by all of CL&P's directors and executive officers as a group. The table also includes information about options, restricted share units and deferred shares credited to the accounts of CL&P's directors and executive officers under certain compensation and benefit plans. No equity securities of CL&P are owned by any of the Trustees, directors or executive officers of NU or CL&P. The

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address for the shareholders listed below is c/o Northeast Utilities, Prudential Center, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199 for Messrs. May, Judge, Nolan and Schweiger and Ms. Carmody; c/o Northeast Utilities, 56 Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103-2818 for Messrs. Butler, McHale and Olivier; and c/o The Connecticut Light and Power Company, 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut 06037 for Mr. Herdegen.

| Name of Beneficial Owner | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Percent of Class |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Thomas J. May, Chairman of the Regulated Companies | 1,734,370 | * |
| Leon J. Olivier, CEO, Director of the Regulated Companies | 194,816 | * |
| James J. Judge, CFO, Director of the Regulated Companies | 335,046 | * |
| Gregory B. Butler, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Director of the Regulated Companies | 178,323(4) | * |
| Christine M. Carmody, Director of the Regulated Companies | 127,522 | * |
| William P. Herdegen III, President and a Director of CL&P | 31,331 | * |
| David R. McHale, CAO, Director of the Regulated Companies | 212,098(5) | * |
| Joseph R. Nolan, Jr., Director of the Regulated Companies | 133,696 | * |
| Werner J. Schweiger, Director of the Regulated Companies | 649,357 | * |
| All directors and Executive Officers as a Group (10 persons) | 3,619,178(6) | 1.1% |

*

Less than 1% of NU common shares outstanding.

(1)

The persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned by each of them, except as note below.

(2)

Includes NU common shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options exercisable within the 60-day period after February 14, 2014, as follows: Mr. May: 383,104 shares; Ms. Carmody: 34,452 shares; and Mr. Schweiger: 313,568.

Also includes restricted share units, deferred restricted share units and/or deferred shares, including dividend equivalents, as to which none of the individuals has voting or investment power, and phantom shares, representing employer matching contributions distributable only in cash, held by executive officers who participate in the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives as follows; Mr. Butler: 92,391 shares; Mr. Herdegen: 23,850 shares; Mr. McHale: 124,887 shares; and Mr. Olivier: 112,317 shares. Also includes restricted share units and/or unvested and vested deferred shares, as to which none of the individuals has voting or investment power, held by executive officers who participate in the NSTAR 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, as follows: Ms. Carmody: 55,015 shares; Mr. Judge: 185,520 shares; Mr. May: 998,258 shares; Mr. Nolan: 103,477 shares; and Mr. Schweiger: 241,660 shares.

Also includes unvested performance shares reported at target payouts, plus accumulated dividend equivalents, as to which none of the individuals has voting or investment power, as follows: Mr. Butler: 18,021 shares; Ms. Carmody: 8,959 shares; Mr. Herdegen: 7,334 shares; Mr. Judge: 25,962 shares; Mr. May: 109,732 shares; Mr. McHale: 25,962 shares; Mr. Nolan: 10,080 shares;

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Mr. Olivier: 27,286 shares; and Mr. Schweiger: 18,328 shares. Actual payouts of the performance shares, if any, at the conclusion of relevant performance periods will depend on the extent to which performance goals are satisfied.

(3)

Includes NU common shares held as units in the 401(k) Plan invested in the NU Common Shares Fund over which the holder has sole voting and investment power (Mr. Butler: 4,429 shares; Ms. Carmody: 6,106 shares; Mr. Herdegen: 147 shares; Mr. Judge: 21,687 shares; Mr. May: 63,530 shares; Mr. McHale: 6,859 shares; Mr. Nolan: 15,126 shares; Mr. Olivier: 2,865 shares; and Mr. Schweiger: 8,040 shares).

(4)

Includes 63,484 NU common shares owned jointly by Mr. Butler and his spouse with whom he shares voting and investment power.

(5)

Includes 123 NU common shares held by Mr. McHale in the 401(k) Plan TRAESOP/PAYSOP account over which Mr. McHale has sole voting and investment power.

(6)

Includes 731,124 NU common shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options exercisable within the 60-day period after February 14, 2014, and 2,203,664 unissued NU common shares. See note 2.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth the number of NU common shares issuable under NU equity compensation plans, as well as their weighted exercise price, as of December 31, 2013, in accordance with the rules of the SEC:

| Plan Category | Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| | (a) | (b) | |

| | | | (c) |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 3,048,243 | \$25.97 | 4,258,344 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (d) | | | |
| Total | 3,048,243 | \$25.97 | 4,258,344 |

(a)

Includes 1,221,375 common shares to be issued upon exercise of options, 1,636,440 common shares for distribution of restricted share units, and 190,428 performance shares issuable at target, all pursuant to the terms of our Incentive Plan.

(b)

The weighted-average exercise price in Column (b) does not take into account restricted share units or performance shares, which have no exercise price.

(c)

Includes 817,754 common shares issuable under our Employee Share Purchase Plan II.

(d)

All of our current compensation plans under which equity securities of NU are authorized for issuance have been approved by shareholders of NU or the former shareholders of NSTAR.

Item 13.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

NU

Incorporated herein by reference is the information contained in the sections captioned "Trustee Independence" and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" of NU's definitive proxy statement for solicitation of proxies, expected to be filed with the SEC on or about March 21, 2014.

NSTAR ELECTRIC, PSNH and WMECO

Certain information required by this Item 13 has been omitted for NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO pursuant to Instruction I(2)(c) to Form 10-K, Omission of Information by Certain Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries.

CL&P

NU's Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers applies to the Senior Financial Officers (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller) of NU, CL&P and certain other NU subsidiaries. Under the Code, one's position as a Senior Financial Officer in the company may not be used to improperly benefit such officer or his or her family or friends. Under the Code, specific activities that may be considered conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, directly or indirectly acquiring or retaining a significant financial interest in an organization that is a customer, vendor or competitor, or that seeks to do business with the company; serving, without proper safeguards, as an officer or director of, or working or rendering services for an organization that is a customer, vendor or competitor, or that seeks to do business with the company. Waivers of the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Trustees, executive officers or directors must be approved by NU's Board of Trustees. Any such waivers will be disclosed pursuant to legal requirements.

NU's Code of Business Conduct, which applies to all Trustees, directors, officers and employees of NU and its subsidiaries, including CL&P, contains a Conflict of Interest Policy that requires all such individuals to disclose any potential conflicts of interest. Such individuals are expected to discuss their particular situations with management to ensure appropriate steps are in place to avoid a conflict of interest. All disclosures must be reviewed and approved by management to ensure a particular situation does not adversely impact the individual's primary job and role.

NU's Related Party Transactions Policy is administered by the Corporate Governance Committee of NU's Board of Trustees. The Policy generally defines a "Related Party Transaction" as any transaction or series of transactions in which (i) NU or a subsidiary is a participant, (ii) the aggregate amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and (iii) any "Related Party" has a direct or indirect material interest. A "Related Party" is defined as any Trustee or nominee for Trustee, any executive officer, any shareholder owning more than 5 percent of NU's total outstanding shares, and any immediate family member of any such person. Management submits to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration any Related Party Transaction into which NU or a subsidiary proposes to enter. The Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the NU Board of Trustees for approval only those transactions that are in NU's best interests. If management causes the company to enter into a Related Party Transaction prior to approval by the Corporate Governance Committee, the transaction will be subject to ratification by the NU Board of Trustees. If the NU Board of Trustees determines not to ratify the transaction, then management will make all reasonable efforts to cancel or annul such transaction.

The directors of CL&P are employees of CL&P and/or other subsidiaries of NU, and thus are not considered independent.

Item 14.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

NU

Incorporated herein by reference is the information contained in the section "Relationship with Independent Auditors" of NU's definitive proxy statement for solicitation of proxies, expected to be filed with the SEC on or about March 21, 2014.

CL&P, NSTAR ELECTRIC, PSNH and WMECO

Pre-Approval of Services Provided by Principal Auditors

None of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH or WMECO is subject to the audit committee requirements of the SEC, the national securities exchanges or the national securities associations. CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO obtain audit services from the independent auditor engaged by the Audit Committee of NU's Board of Trustees. NU's Audit Committee has established policies and procedures regarding the pre-approval of services provided by the principal auditors. Those policies and procedures delegate pre-approval of services to the NU Audit Committee Chair provided that such offices are held by Trustees who are "independent" within the meaning of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and that all such pre-approvals are presented to the NU Audit Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.

The following relates to fees and services for the entire NU system, including NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO.

Fees Billed by Principal Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The aggregate fees billed to NU and its subsidiaries by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates (collectively, the Deloitte Entities), for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$3,616,225 and \$4,459,500, respectively. 2012 fees were substantially higher as a result of services provided in connection with the merger between NU and NSTAR. In addition, affiliates of Deloitte & Touche LLP as noted below provide other accounting services to NU. Fees were comprised of the following:

1.

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed to NU and its subsidiaries by Deloitte & Touche LLP for audit services rendered for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$3,493,925 and \$4,356,000, respectively. The audit fees were incurred for audits of Northeast Utilities' annual consolidated financial statements and those of its subsidiaries, reviews of financial statements included in Northeast Utilities' Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and those of its subsidiaries, comfort letters, consents and other costs related to registration statements and financings. The fees also included audits of internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 and 2012. As noted above, Audit Fees were significantly higher in 2012 due to the NSTAR merger.

2.

Audit Related Fees

The aggregate fees billed to NU and its subsidiaries by the Deloitte Entities for audit related services rendered for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$100,000 and \$88,000, respectively. The audit related fees were incurred for procedures performed in the ordinary course of business in support of certain regulatory filings.

3.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed to NU and its subsidiaries by the Deloitte Entities for tax services for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$20,800 and \$14,000, respectively. Tax fees for 2013 and 2012 related primarily to reviews of tax returns.

4.

All Other Fees

The aggregate fees billed to NU and its subsidiaries by the Deloitte Entities for services other than the services described above for each of the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$1,500 for each of the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. This fee was for a license for access to an accounting standards research tool.

NU's Audit Committee pre-approves all auditing services and permitted audit related or other services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for us by our independent registered public accounting firm, subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of the audit. The Audit Committee may form and delegate its authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that decisions of such subcommittee to grant pre-approvals are presented to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. During 2013, all services described above were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

NU's Audit Committee has considered whether the provision by the Deloitte Entities of the non-audit services described above was allowed under Rule 2-01(c)(4) of Regulation S-X and was compatible with maintaining the independence of the registered public accountants and has concluded that the Deloitte Entities were and are independent of us in all respects.

PART IV

Item 15.

Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) 1. Financial Statements:

The financial statements filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are set forth under Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

2. Schedules

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| I. | Financial Information of Registrant: Northeast Utilities (Parent) Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 | S-1 |
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NORTHEAST UTILITIES

SIGNATURES

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES

February 25, 2014

By:

/s/

Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth
Vice President, Controller

and Chief Accounting Officer

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Signature

Title

Date

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| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| /s/ Thomas J. May Thomas J. May | Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and a Trustee (Principal Executive Officer) | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ James J. Judge James J. Judge | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ Jay S. Buth Jay S. Buth | Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ Richard H. Booth Richard H. Booth | Trustee | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ John S. Clarkeson John S. Clarkeson | Trustee | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ Cotton M. Cleveland Cotton M. Cleveland | Trustee | February 25, 2014 |
| /s/ Sanford Cloud, Jr. Sanford Cloud, Jr. | Trustee | February 25, 2014 |

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

James S. DiStasio
James S. DiStasio

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Francis A. Doyle
Francis A. Doyle

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Charles K. Gifford
Charles K. Gifford

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Paul A. La Camera
Paul A. La Camera

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Kenneth R. Leibler
Kenneth R. Leibler

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Charles W. Shivery
Charles W. Shivery

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

William C. Van Faasen
William C. Van Faasen

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Frederica M. Williams
Frederica M. Williams

/s/ Trustee February 25, 2014

Dennis R. Wraase
Dennis R. Wraase

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

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**THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER
COMPANY**

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| <p>/s/ Thomas J. May Thomas J. May</p> | <p>Chairman and a Director</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ Leon J. Olivier Leon J. Olivier</p> | <p>Chief Executive Officer and a Director (Principal Executive Officer)</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ James J. Judge James J. Judge</p> | <p>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and a Director (Principal Financial Officer)</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ Jay S. Buth Jay S. Buth</p> | <p>Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ Gregory B. Butler Gregory B. Butler</p> | <p>Senior Vice President and General Counsel and a Director</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ Christine M. Carmody Christine M. Carmody</p> | <p>Senior Vice President-Human Resources and a Director</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ William P. Herdegen III William P. Herdegen III</p> | <p>President and Chief Operating Officer and a Director</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |
| <p>/s/ David R. McHale David R. McHale</p> | <p>Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer and a Director</p> | <p>February 25, 2014</p> |

/s/ Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations February 25, 2014

Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.
Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. and a Director

/s/ Director February 25, 2014

Werner J. Schweiger
Werner J. Schweiger

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY

SIGNATURES

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February 25, 2014

By: **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY**
/s/
Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth
Vice President, Controller
and Chief Accounting Officer

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|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| /s/ | Chairman and a Director | February 25, 2014 |

Thomas J. May
Thomas J. May

/s/ Chief Executive Officer and a Director February 25, 2014

Leon J. Olivier
Leon J. Olivier

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ February 25, 2014

James J. Judge
James J. Judge

Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer and a Director
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ Vice President, Controller February 25, 2014

Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth

and Chief Accounting Officer

/s/ Senior Vice President and General Counsel February 25, 2014

Gregory B. Butler
Gregory B. Butler

and a Director

/s/ Senior Vice President-Human Resources February 25, 2014

Christine M. Carmody
Christine M. Carmody

and a Director

/s/ President and Chief Operating Officer February 25, 2014

Craig A. Hallstrom
Craig A. Hallstrom

and a Director

/s/ Executive Vice President and February 25, 2014

David R. McHale
David R. McHale

Chief Administrative Officer and a Director

/s/ Senior Vice President-Corporate Relations February 25, 2014

Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.
Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. and a Director

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ February 25, 2014

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Chief Administrative Officer and a Director

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Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.
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and a Director

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William J. Quinlan
William J. Quinlan

and a Director

/s/

Director

February 25, 2014

Werner J. Schweiger
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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

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February 25, 2014

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Vice President, Controller
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/s/ Chief Executive Officer and a Director February 25, 2014

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SCHEDULE I
NORTHEAST UTILITIES (PARENT)
FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
BALANCE SHEETS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Thousands of Dollars)

| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 35 | \$ 429 |
| Accounts Receivable | 1 | 1 |
| Accounts Receivable from Subsidiaries | 95,513 | 110,217 |
| Notes Receivable from Subsidiaries | 871,050 | 914,025 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 59,904 | 72,514 |
| Total Current Assets | 1,026,503 | 1,097,186 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Investments in Subsidiary Companies, at Equity | 7,733,051 | 7,173,961 |
| Notes Receivable from Subsidiaries | 62,500 | 25,000 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 205,779 | 215,683 |
| Goodwill | 3,231,811 | 3,231,811 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 22,099 | 17,108 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 11,255,240 | 10,663,563 |
| Total Assets | \$ 12,281,743 | \$ 11,760,749 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u> | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ 1,014,500 | \$ 1,150,000 |
| Long-Term Debt - Current Portion | 31,696 | 581,688 |
| Accounts Payable | 441 | 9,932 |
| Accounts Payable to Subsidiaries | 144,026 | 47,593 |
| Other | 59,559 | 41,383 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,250,222 | 1,830,596 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Other | 122,226 | 114,903 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 122,226 | 114,903 |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 1,297,767 | 578,200 |
| Equity: | | |
| Common Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Common Shares | 1,665,351 | 1,662,547 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid in | 6,192,765 | 6,183,267 |

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| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Retained Earnings | 2,125,980 | 1,802,714 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (46,031) | (72,854) |
| Treasury Stock | (326,537) | (338,624) |
| Common Shareholders' Equity | 9,611,528 | 9,237,050 |
| Total Capitalization | 10,909,295 | 9,815,250 |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 12,281,743 | \$ 11,760,749 |

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SCHEDULE I
NORTHEAST UTILITIES (PARENT)
FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013, 2012 AND 2011
(Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information)

| | 2013 | | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | | 2011 |
|--|-------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$ 8 | \$ | 2 | \$ | - |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | |
| Other | 12,766 | | 80,719 | | 19,075 |
| Operating Loss | (12,758) | | (80,717) | | (19,075) |
| Interest Expense | 31,639 | | 36,325 | | 26,767 |
| Other Income, Net: | | | | | |
| Equity in Earnings of Subsidiaries | 785,650 | | 579,221 | | 422,408 |
| Other, Net | 5,062 | | 6,080 | | 4,247 |
| Other Income, Net | 790,712 | | 585,301 | | 426,655 |
| Income Before Income Tax Benefit | 746,315 | | 468,259 | | 380,813 |
| Income Tax Benefit | (39,692) | | (57,789) | | (14,142) |
| Net Income | 786,007 | | 526,048 | | 394,955 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest | - | | 103 | | 262 |
| Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 786,007 | \$ | 525,945 | \$ | 394,693 |
| Basic Earnings per Common Share | \$ 2.49 | \$ | 1.90 | \$ | 2.22 |
| Diluted Earnings per Common Share | \$ 2.49 | \$ | 1.89 | \$ | 2.22 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | | | |
| Basic | 315,311,387 | | 277,209,819 | | 177,410,167 |
| Diluted | 316,211,160 | | 277,993,631 | | 177,804,568 |

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | | | | |
|------------|------------|----|---------|----|---------|
| Net Income | \$ 786,007 | \$ | 526,048 | \$ | 394,955 |
|------------|------------|----|---------|----|---------|

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|----|----------|
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 2,049 | 1,971 | | (14,177) |
| Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities | (940) | 217 | | 506 |
| Change in Funded Status of Pension, SERP and PBOP | | | | |
| Benefit Plans | 25,714 | (4,356) | | (13,645) |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax | 26,823 | (2,168) | | (27,316) |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest | - | (103) | | (262) |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Controlling Interest | \$ 812,830 | \$ 523,777 | \$ | 367,377 |

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SCHEDULE I
NORTHEAST UTILITIES (PARENT)
FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011
(Thousands of Dollars)

| | 2013 | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 |
|---|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 786,007 | \$ 526,048 | \$ 394,955 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash | | | |
| Flows Provided by Operating Activities: | | | |
| Equity in Earnings of Subsidiaries | (785,650) | (579,221) | (422,408) |
| Cash Dividends Received from Subsidiaries | 407,837 | 374,584 | 389,292 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 15,159 | (15,350) | (15,934) |
| Other | 29,169 | (3,755) | 33,238 |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | | |
| Receivables, Including Affiliate Receivables | 14,704 | (18,321) | (436) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 13,295 | (16,872) | 11,537 |
| Accounts Payable, Including Affiliate Payables | (7,058) | 48,332 | (183) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (1,411) | 60,182 | 484 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 472,052 | 375,627 | 390,545 |
| Investing Activities: | | | |
| Capital Contributions to Subsidiaries | (65,400) | (81,431) | (233,349) |
| Return of Investment in Subsidiaries | - | 8,207 | - |
| Decrease in Money Pool Lending | - | 2,200 | 400 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 5,475 | (704,475) | 19,000 |
| Other Investing Activities | (1,862) | (608) | (2,585) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (61,787) | (776,107) | (216,534) |
| Financing Activities: | | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Shares | (462,741) | (375,047) | (194,555) |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 750,000 | 300,000 | - |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt | (550,000) | (263,000) | - |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Short-Term Debt | (135,500) | 733,500 | 19,000 |
| Other Financing Activities | (12,418) | 5,394 | 1,338 |
| Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing Activities | (410,659) | 400,847 | (174,217) |
| Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash | (394) | 367 | (206) |
| Cash - Beginning of Year | 429 | 62 | 268 |

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| | | | | | | |
|---|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|
| Cash - End of Year | \$ | 35 | \$ | 429 | \$ | 62 |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Information: | | | | | | |
| Cash Paid/(Received) During the Year for: | | | | | | |
| Interest | \$ | 33,822 | \$ | 50,144 | \$ | 24,951 |
| Income Taxes | \$ | (30,603) | \$ | (27,126) | \$ | (10,833) |

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SCHEDULE II
NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES
VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013, 2012 AND 2011
(Thousands of Dollars)

| Column A | Column B | | Column C | | Column D | Column E |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Description: | Balance as of Beginning of Year | (1) Charged to Costs and Expenses | (2) Additions Charged to Other Accounts - Describe (a) | (3) Impact Related to Merger With NSTAR | Deductions - Describe (b) | Balance as of End of Year |

NU:
Reserves Deducted from
Assets -
Reserves for
Uncollectible Accounts:

| | | | | | | |
|------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------|
| 2013 | \$ 165,549 | \$ 55,465 | \$ 37,744 | \$ - | \$ 87,507 | \$ 171,251 |
| 2012 | 115,689 | 36,275 | 34,761 | 59,286 | 80,462 | 165,549 |
| 2011 | 119,190 | 16,420 | 40,663 | - | 60,584 | 115,689 |

CL&P:
Reserves Deducted from
Assets -
Reserves for
Uncollectible Accounts:

| | | | | | | |
|------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 2013 | \$ 77,571 | \$ 3,947 | \$ 27,258 | \$ - | \$ 26,781 | \$ 81,995 |
| 2012 | 83,475 | 2,080 | 27,084 | - | 35,068 | 77,571 |
| 2011 | 82,173 | 3,215 | 33,911 | - | 35,824 | 83,475 |

NSTAR Electric:
Reserves Deducted from
Assets -
Reserves for
Uncollectible Accounts:

| | | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 2013 | \$ 44,115 | \$ 28,108 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,544 | \$ 41,679 |
| 2012 | 27,118 | 40,301 | - | - | 23,304 | 44,115 |
| 2011 | 29,033 | 22,582 | - | - | 24,497 | 27,118 |

PSNH:

Reserves Deducted from
Assets -
Reserves for
Uncollectible Accounts:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|---|----|-------|----|-------|
| 2013 | \$ | 6,760 | \$ | 6,608 | \$ | 779 | \$ | - | \$ | 6,783 | \$ | 7,364 |
| 2012 | | 7,190 | | 6,457 | | 2,481 | | - | | 9,368 | | 6,760 |
| 2011 | | 6,824 | | 7,035 | | 1,334 | | - | | 8,003 | | 7,190 |

WMECO:

Reserves Deducted from
Assets -
Reserves for
Uncollectible Accounts:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|----|---|----|-------|----|--------|
| 2013 | \$ | 8,501 | \$ | 2,580 | \$ | 4,299 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,396 | \$ | 9,984 |
| 2012 | | 10,018 | | 2,294 | | 2,428 | | - | | 6,239 | | 8,501 |
| 2011 | | 12,891 | | 3,133 | | 1,141 | | - | | 7,147 | | 10,018 |

- (a) Amounts relate to uncollectible accounts receivables reserved for that are not charged to bad debt expense. The PURA allows CL&P and Yankee Gas to accelerate the recovery of uncollectible hardship accounts receivables outstanding for greater than 90 days. The DPU allows WMECO to recover in rates amounts associated with certain uncollectible hardship accounts receivables.
- (b) Amounts written off, net of recoveries.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Each document described below is incorporated by reference by the registrant(s) listed to the files identified, unless designated with a (*), which exhibits are filed herewith. Management contracts and compensation plans or arrangements are designated with a (+).

Exhibit

Number

Description

3.

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

(A)

Northeast Utilities

3.1

Declaration of Trust of NU, as amended through May 10, 2005 (Exhibit A.1, NU Form U-1 filed June 23, 2005, File No. 70-10315)

(B)

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

3.1

Certificate of Incorporation of CL&P, restated to March 22, 1994 (Exhibit 3.2.1, 1993 CL&P Form 10-K, File No. 000-00404)

3.1.1

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Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of CL&P, dated December 26, 1996 (Exhibit 3.2.2, 1996 CL&P Form 10-K filed March 25, 1997, File No. 001-11419)

3.1.2

Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of CL&P, dated April 27, 1998 (Exhibit 3.2.3, 1998 CL&P Form 10-K filed March 23, 1999, File No. 000-00404)

3.1.3

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CL&P, dated effective January 3, 2012 (Exhibit 3(i), CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 9, 2012, File No. 000-00404)

3.2

By-laws of CL&P, as amended to January 1, 1997 (Exhibit 3.2.3, 1996 CL&P Form 10-K filed March 25, 1997, File No. 001-11419)

(C)

NSTAR Electric Company

3.1

NSTAR Electric Company, fka Boston Edison Company, Restated Articles of Organization (Exhibit 3.1, NSTAR Electric Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 1994 filed August 12, 1994, File No. 001-02301)

3.2

NSTAR Electric Company, fka Boston Edison Company, Bylaws dated April 19, 1977, as amended January 22, 1987, January 28, 1988, May 24, 1988, November 22, 1989, July 22, 1999, September 20, 1999, January 2, 2007 and March 1, 2011 (Exhibit 3.2, NSTAR Electric 2011 Form 10-K filed February 7, 2012, File No. 001-02301)

(D)

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

3.1

Articles of Incorporation, as amended to May 16, 1991 (Exhibit 3.3.1, 1993 PSNH Form 10-K filed March 25, 1994, File No. 001-06392)

3.2

By-laws of PSNH, as in effect June 27, 2008 (Exhibit 3, PSNH Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2008 filed August 7, 2008, File No. 001-06392)

(E)

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

3.1

Articles of Organization of WMECO, restated to February 23, 1995 (Exhibit 3.4.1, 1994 WMECO Form 10-K filed March 27, 1995, File No. 001-07624)

3.2

By-laws of WMECO, as amended to April 1, 1999 (Exhibit 3.1, WMECO Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 1999 filed August 13, 1999, File No. 000-07624)

3.2.1

By-laws of WMECO, as further amended to May 1, 2000 (Exhibit 3.1, WMECO Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2000 filed August 11, 2000, File No. 000-07624)

4.

Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures

(A)

Northeast Utilities

4.1

Indenture between NU and The Bank of New York as Trustee dated as of April 1, 2002 (Exhibit A-3, NU 35-CERT filed April 16, 2002, File No. 070-09535)

E-1

4.1.1

Fifth Supplemental Indenture between NU and The Bank of New York Trust Company N.A., as Trustee, dated as of May 1, 2013, relating to \$300 million of Senior Notes, Series E, due 2018 and \$450 million of Senior Notes, Series F, due 2023, (Exhibit 4.1, NU Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 16, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

4.2

Indenture dated as of January 12, 2000, between NU, as successor to NSTAR LLC, as successor to NSTAR, and Bank One Trust Company N.A. (Exhibit 4.1 to NSTAR Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-94735)

4.2.1

Form of 4.50% Debenture Due 2019 (Exhibit 99.2, NSTAR Form 8-K filed November 16, 2009, File No. 001-14768)

4.3

Credit Agreement, dated July 25, 2012, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, filed November 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

4.3.1

First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated September 6, 2013, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, NU Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 12, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

(B)

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

4.1

Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between CL&P and Bankers Trust Company, Trustee, dated as of May 1, 1921 (Composite including all twenty-four amendments to May 1, 1967) (Exhibit 4.1.1, 1989 NU Form 10-K, File No. 001-05324)

4.1.1

Series D Supplemental Indentures to the Composite May 1, 1921 Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between CL&P and Bankers Trust Company, dated as of October 1, 1994 (Exhibit 4.2.16, 1994 CL&P Form 10-K filed March 27, 1995, File No. 001-11419)

4.1.2

Series A Supplemental Indenture between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, dated as of September 1, 2004 (Exhibit 99.2, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 22, 2004, File No. 000-00404)

4.1.3

Series B Supplemental Indenture between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of September 1, 2004 (Exhibit 99.5, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 22, 2004, File No. 000-00404)

4.2

Composite Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, dated as of May 1, 1921, as amended and supplemented by seventy-three supplemental mortgages to and including Supplemental Mortgage dated as of April 1, 2005 (Exhibit 99.5, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 13, 2005, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.1

Supplemental Indenture (2005 Series A Bonds and 2005 Series B Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of April 1, 2005 (Exhibit 99.2, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 13, 2005, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.2

Supplemental Indenture (2006 Series A Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of June 1, 2006 (Exhibit 99.2, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 7, 2006, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.3

Supplemental Indenture (2007 Series A Bonds and 2007 Series B Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of March 1, 2007 (Exhibit 99.2, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 29, 2007, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.4

Supplemental Indenture (2007 Series C Bonds and 2007 Series D Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of September 1, 2007 (Exhibit 4, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 19, 2007, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.5

Supplemental Indenture (2008 Series A Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of May 1, 2008 (Exhibit 4, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 29, 2008, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.6

Supplemental Indenture (2009 Series A Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of February 1, 2009 (Exhibit 4, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 19, 2009, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.7

Supplemental Indenture (2011 Series A and Series B Bonds) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of October 1, 2011 (Exhibit 4.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 28, 2011, File No. 000-00404)

4.2.8

Supplemental Indenture (2013 Series A Bond) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of January 1, 2013 (Exhibit 4.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 22, 2013, File No. 000-00404)

4.3

Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between Connecticut Development Authority and CL&P dated as of May 1, 1996 and Amended and Restated as of January 1, 1997 (Pollution Control Revenue Bond - 1996A Series) (Exhibit 4.2.24, 1996 CL&P Form 10-K filed March 25, 1997, File No. 001-11419)

4.3.1

First Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, between the Connecticut Development Authority and CL&P dated as of October 1, 2008 (Pollution Control Revenue Bond-1996A Series) (Exhibit 10.1, CL&P Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008, filed November 10, 2008, File No. 000-00404)

4.4

Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust between Connecticut Development Authority and Fleet National Bank, the Trustee dated as of May 1, 1996 and Amended and Restated as of January 1, 1997 (Pollution Control Revenue Bond-1996A Series) (Exhibit 4.2.24.1, 1996 CL&P Form 10-K, filed March 25, 1997, File No. 001-11419)

4.4.1

First Amendment to Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust between Connecticut Development Authority and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of October 1, 2008 (Exhibit 10.2 CL&P Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008, filed November 10, 2008, File No. 000-00404)

4.5

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Loan Agreement between Connecticut Development Authority and CL&P (Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds 2011A Series) dated as of October 1, 2011 (Exhibit 1.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 28, 2011, File No. 000-00404)

4.6

Credit Agreement, dated July 25, 2012, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, CL&P Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, filed November 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

4.6.1

First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated September 6, 2013, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent Exhibit 4.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 12, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

(C)

NSTAR Electric Company

4.1

Indenture between Boston Edison Company and the Bank of New York (as successor to Bank of Montreal Trust Company)(Exhibit 4.1, NSTAR Electric Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 1988, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.1

A Form of 4.875% Debenture Due April 15, 2014 (Exhibit 4.3, Boston Edison Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 15, 2004, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.2

A Form of 5.75% Debenture Due March 15, 2036 (Exhibit 99.2, Boston Edison Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 17, 2006, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.3

A Form of 5.625% Debenture Due November 15, 2017 (Exhibit 99.2, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 20, 2007 and filed February 17, 2009, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.4

A Form of 5.50% Debenture Due March 15, 2040 (Exhibit 99.2, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 15, 2010, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.5

A Form of 2.375% Debenture Due 2022. (Exhibit 4, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 18, 2012, File No. 001-02301)

4.1.6

A Form of Floating Rate Debenture Due 2016. (Exhibit 4, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 22, 2013, File No. 001-02301)

4.2

Credit Agreement, dated July 25, 2012, by and between NSTAR Electric and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Barclays Bank PLC serves as Administrative Agent and Swing Line Lender (Exhibit 4.1, NSTAR Electric Company Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, filed November 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

4.2.1

First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated September 6, 2013, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to

which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 12, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

(D)

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

4.1

First Mortgage Indenture between PSNH and First Fidelity Bank, National Association, New Jersey, now First Union National Bank, Trustee, dated as of August 15, 1978 (Composite including all amendments effective June 1, 2011) (included as Exhibit C to the Eighteen Supplemental Indenture filed as Exhibit 4.1 to PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 2, 2011, File No. 001-06392)

4.1.1

Twelfth Supplemental Indenture between PSNH and First Union National Bank dated as of December 1, 2001 (Exhibit 4.3.1.2, 2001 PSNH Form 10-K filed March 22, 2002, File No. 001-06392)

4.1.2

Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture between PSNH and Wachovia Bank, National Association, successor to First Union National Bank, as successor to First Fidelity Bank, National Association, as Trustee dated as of July 1, 2004 (Exhibit 99.2, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 5, 2004, File No. 001-06392)

4.1.3

Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture between PSNH and Wachovia Bank, National Association successor to First Union National Bank, as successor to First Fidelity Bank, National Association, as Trustee dated as of October 1, 2005 (Exhibit 99.2, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 6, 2005, File No. 001-06392)

4.1.4

Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture between PSNH and Wachovia Bank, National Association successor to First Union National Bank, as successor to First Fidelity Bank, National Association, as Trustee dated as of September 1, 2007 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 25, 2007, File No. 001-06392)

4.1.5

Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, Trustee, dated as of May 1, 2008 (Exhibit 4.1 to PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 29, 2008 (File No.001-06392)

4.1.6

Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture, between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of December 1, 2009 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 15, 2009 (File No. 001-06392)

4.1.7

Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture, between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of May 1, 2011 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 2, 2011 (File No. 001-06392)

4.1.8

Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture, between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of September 1, 2011 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 16, 2011 (File No. 001-06392)

4.1.9

Twentieth Supplemental Indenture, between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of November 1, 2013 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 20, 2013 (File No. 001-06392)

4.2

Series A Loan and Trust Agreement among Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire and PSNH and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee (Tax Exempt Pollution Control Bonds) dated as of October 1, 2001 (Exhibit 4.3.4, 2001 NU Form 10-K filed March 22, 2002, File No. 001-05324)

4.3

Credit Agreement, dated July 25, 2012, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, filed November 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

4.3.1

First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated September 6, 2013, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 12, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

(E)

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

4.1

Loan Agreement between Connecticut Development Authority and WMECO, (Pollution Control Revenue Bonds - Series A, Tax Exempt Refunding) dated as of September 1, 1993 (Exhibit 4.4.13, 1993 WMECO Form 10-K filed March 25, 1994, File No. 000-07624)

4.2

Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, dated as of September 1, 2003 (Exhibit 99.2, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 8, 2003, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.1

Second Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York, as Trustee dated as of September 1, 2004 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 27, 2004, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.2

Third Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York Trust, as Trustee, dated as of August 1, 2005 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 12, 2005, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.3

Fourth Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York Trust, as Trustee, dated as of August 1, 2007 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 20, 2007, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.4

Fifth Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, dated as of March 1, 2010 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 10, 2010, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.5

Sixth Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, dated as of September 15, 2011 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 19, 2011, File No. 000-07624)

4.2.6

Seventh Supplemental Indenture between WMECO and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, dated as of November 1, 2013 (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 21, 2013, File No. 000-07624)

4.3

Credit Agreement, dated July 25, 2012, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent (Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, filed November 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

4.3.1

First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated September 6, 2013, by and among NU, CL&P, NSTAR Gas, NSTAR LLC, PSNH, WMECO, Yankee Gas Services Company and the Banks named therein, pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A. serves as Administrative Agent Exhibit 4.1, WMECO Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 12, 2013, File No. 001-05324)

10.

Material Contracts

(A)

NU

10.1

Lease between The Rocky River Realty Company and Northeast Utilities Service Company dated as of April 14, 1992 with respect to the Berlin, Connecticut headquarters (Exhibit 10.29.1, 1992 NU Form 10-K, File No. 001-05324)

10.2

Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and the Connecticut National Bank, as Trustee, dated July 1, 1989 (Exhibit 4.7, Yankee Energy System, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1990, File No. 001-10721)

10.2.1

First Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Connecticut National Bank, as Trustee, dated April 1, 1992 (Yankee Energy System, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated October 2, 1992, File No. 33-52750)

10.2.2

Sixth Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Bank of New York, as Successor Trustee to Fleet Bank (formerly The Connecticut National Bank) dated January 1, 2004 (Exhibit 10.5.6, 2004 NU Form 10-K filed March 17, 2005, File No. 001-05324)

10.2.3

Seventh Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Bank of New York, as Successor Trustee to Fleet Bank (formerly The Connecticut National Bank) dated November 1, 2004 (Exhibit 10.5.7, 2004 NU Form 10-K filed March 17, 2005, File No. 001-05324)

10.2.4

Eighth Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Bank of New York, as Successor Trustee to Fleet Bank (formerly the Connecticut National Bank) dated July 1, 2005 (Exhibit 10.5.8, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2005 filed August 8, 2005, File No. 001-05324)

10.2.5

Ninth Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., successor as Trustee to The Bank of New York, as successor to Fleet National Bank (formerly known as The Connecticut National Bank) dated as of October 1, 2008 (Exhibit 10-1, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

10.2.6

Tenth Supplemental Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust between Yankee Gas Services Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., successor as Trustee to The Bank of New York, as successor to Fleet National Bank (formerly known as The Connecticut National Bank), dated as of April 1, 2010 (Exhibit 10, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2010 filed May 7, 2010, File No. 001-05324)

* +10.3

Northeast Utilities Board of Trustees' Compensation Arrangement Summary

+10.4

Amended and Restated Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Trustees, effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.6, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

* 10.5

Composite Transmission Service Agreement, by and between Northern Pass Transmission LLC, as Owner and H.Q. Hydro Renewable Energy, Inc., as Purchaser dated October 4, 2010 and effective February 14, 2014

(D)

NU, CL&P, PSNH and WMECO

* 10.1

Amended and Restated Form of Service Contract between each of NU, CL&P and WMECO and Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO) dated as of January 1, 2014.

10.2

Agreements among New England Utilities with respect to the Hydro-Quebec interconnection projects (Exhibits 10(u) and 10(v); 10(w), 10(x), and 10(y), 1990 and 1988, respectively, Form 10-K of New England Electric System, File No. 001-03446)

10.3

Transmission Operating Agreement between the Initial Participating Transmission Owners, Additional Participating Transmission Owners and ISO New England, Inc. dated as of February 1, 2005 (Exhibit 10.29, 2004 NU Form 10-K filed March 17, 2005, File No. 001-05324)

10.3.1

Rate Design and Funds Disbursement Agreement among the Initial Participating Transmission Owners, Additional Participating Transmission Owners and ISO New England, Inc., effective June 30, 2006 (Exhibit 10.22.1, 2006 NU Form 10-K filed March 1, 2007, File No. 001-05324)

10.4

Northeast Utilities Service Company Transmission and Ancillary Service Wholesale Revenue Allocation Methodology among The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Holyoke Water Power Company and Holyoke Power and Electric Company Trustee dated as of January 1, 2008 (Exhibit 10.1, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 filed May 9, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

+10.5

Amended and Restated Employment Agreement with Gregory B. Butler, effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.7, 2008 NU Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009, File No. 001-05324)

+10.6

Amended and Restated Employment Agreement with David R. McHale, effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.8, 2008 NU Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009, File No. 001-05324)

+10.7

Amended and Restated Memorandum Agreement between Northeast Utilities and Leon J. Olivier effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.9, 2008 NU Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009, File No. 001-05324)

+10.8

Amended and Restated Incentive Plan Effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.3, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

+10.9

Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan for Officers of Northeast Utilities System Company effective January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.5, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

+10.10

Trust under Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan dated May 2, 1994 (Exhibit 10.33, 2002 NU Form 10-K filed March 21, 2003, File No. 001-05324)

+10.10.1

First Amendment to Trust Under Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, effective as of December 10, 2002 (Exhibit 10 (B) 10.19.1, 2003 NU Form 10-K filed March 12, 2004, File No. 001-05324)

+10.10.2

Second Amendment to Trust Under Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan , effective as of November 12, 2008 (Exhibit 10.12.2, 2008 NU Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009, File No. 001-05324)

+10.11

Special Severance Program for Officers of NU System Companies as of January 1, 2009, (Exhibit 10.2, NU Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

+10.12

Amended and Restated Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives effective as of January 1, 2009 (Exhibit 10.4 NU Form 10-Q for Quarter Ended September 30, 2008 filed November 10, 2008, File No. 001-05324)

+10.13

Northeast Utilities Retention Agreement (Exhibit 10.1, NU Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed November 22, 2010, File No. 333-170754)

10.14

Northeast Utilities System's Third Amended and Restated Tax Allocation Agreement dated as of April 10, 2012, (Exhibit 10.1 NU Form 10-Q for Quarter Ended June 30, 2012 filed August 7, 2012, File No. 001-05324)

(C)

NU and CL&P

10.1

CL&P Agreement Re: Connecticut NEEWS Projects by and between CL&P and The United Illuminating Company dated July 14, 2010 (Exhibit 10, CL&P Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2010 filed August 6, 2010, File No. 000-00404)

(C)

NU and NSTAR Electric

10.1

NSTAR Electric Company Restructuring Settlement Agreement dated July 1997

(Exhibit 10.12, Boston Edison 1997 Form 10-K filed March 30, 1998, File No. 001-02301)

10.2

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Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement (NEA A PPA), dated August 19, 2004, by and between Boston Edison and Northeast Energy Associates L.P. (Exhibit 10.18, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.3

Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement (NEA B PPA), dated August 19, 2004, by and between ComElectric and Northeast Energy Associates L. P. (Exhibit 10.19, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.4

Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement (CECO 1 PPA), dated August 19, 2004 by and between ComElectric and Northeast Energy Associates L. P. (Exhibit 10.20, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.5

Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement (CECO 2 PPA), dated August 19, 2004 by and between ComElectric and Northeast Energy Associates L. P. (Exhibit 10.21, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.6

The Bellingham Execution Agreement, dated August 19, 2004 between Boston Edison, ComElectric and Northeast Energy Associates L. P. (Exhibit 10.22, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.7

Second Restated NEPOOL Agreement among NSTAR Electric and various other electric utilities operating in New England, dated August 16, 2004 (Exhibit 10.2.1.1, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.8

Transmission Operating Agreement among NSTAR Electric and various electric transmission providers in New England and ISO New England Inc., dated February 1, 2005 (Exhibit 10.2.1.2, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.9

Market Participants Service Agreement among NSTAR Electric and various other electric utilities operating in New England, NEPOOL and ISO New England Inc., dated February 1, 2005 (Exhibit 10.2.1.3, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.10

Rate Design and Funds Disbursement Agreement among NSTAR Electric and various other electric transmission providers in New England, dated February 1, 2005 (Exhibit 10.2.1.4, 2005 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 21, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

10.11

Participants Agreement among NSTAR Electric, various electric utilities operating in New England, NEPOOL and ISO-New England, Inc., dated February 1, 2005. (Exhibit 10.2.1.4, 2006 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 16, 2007, File No. 001-14768)

+10.12

NSTAR Excess Benefit Plan, effective August 25, 1999 (Exhibit 10.1 1999 NSTAR Form 10-K/A filed September 29, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

+10.12.1

NSTAR Excess Benefit Plan, incorporating the NSTAR 409A Excess Benefit Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008, dated December 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.1.1 2008 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 9, 2009, File No. 001-14768)

+10.13

NSTAR Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, effective August 25, 1999 (Exhibit 10.2, 1999 NSTAR Form 10-K/A filed September 29, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

+10.13.1

NSTAR Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, incorporating the NSTAR 409A Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008, dated December 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.2.1, 2008 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 9, 2009, File No. 001-14768)

+10.14

Special Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Boston Edison Company and Thomas J. May dated March 13, 1999, regarding Key Executive Benefit Plan and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Exhibit 10.3, 1999 NSTAR Form 10-K/A filed September 9, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

+10.15

Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement by and between NSTAR and Thomas J. May dated November 15, 2007 (Exhibit 10.5, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.16

NSTAR Deferred Compensation Plan, (Restated Effective August 25, 1999) (Exhibit 10.10, 1999 NSTAR Form 10-K/A filed September 29, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

+10.16.1

NSTAR Deferred Compensation Plan, incorporating the NSTAR 409A Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008, dated December 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.6.1, 2008 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 9, 2009, File No. 001-14768)

+10.17

NSTAR 1997 Share Incentive Plan, as amended June 30, 1999 and assumed by NSTAR effective August 28, 2000, as amended January 24, 2002 (Exhibit 10.1, NU Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on May 8, 2012)

+10.18

NSTAR 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, effective May 3, 2007 (Exhibit 10.2, NU Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on May 8, 2012)

+10.18.1

Deferred Common Share/Dividend Equivalent Award, Stock Option Grant, Option Certificate and Performance Share Award/Dividend Equivalent Award Agreement Under the NSTAR 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, by and between NSTAR and Thomas J. May, dated January 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.8.1, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.18.2

Deferred Common Share/Dividend Equivalent Award, Stock Option Grant, Option Certificate and Performance Share Award/Dividend Equivalent Award Agreement Under the NSTAR 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, by and between NSTAR and James J. Judge, dated January 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.8.2, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.18.3

Deferred Common Share/Dividend Equivalent Award, Stock Option Grant, Option Certificate and Performance Share Award/Dividend Equivalent Award Agreement Under the NSTAR 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan by and between NSTAR and NSTAR's other Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents, dated January 24, 2008 (in form) (Exhibit 10.8.6, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.19

Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement by and between James J. Judge and NSTAR, dated November 15, 2007 (Exhibit 10.9, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.20

NSTAR Trustees' Deferred Plan (Restated Effective August 25, 1999), dated October 20, 2000 (Exhibit 10.4, NSTAR Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2000 filed November 14, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

10.20.1

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NSTAR Trustees' Deferred Plan, incorporating the 409A Trustees' Deferred Plan, effective January 1, 2008, dated December 24, 2008 (Exhibit 10.10.1, 2008 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 9, 2009, File No. 001-14768)

+10.21

Master Trust Agreement between NSTAR and State Street Bank and Trust Company (Rabbi Trust), effective August 25, 1999 (Exhibit 10.5, NSTAR Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2000 filed November 14, 2000, File No. 001-14768)

+10.22

Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement by and between NSTAR's other Senior Vice Presidents and NSTAR (in form), dated November 15, 2007 (Exhibit 10.15, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.23

Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement between NSTAR's Vice Presidents and NSTAR (in form), dated November 15, 2007 (Exhibit 10.16, 2007 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 11, 2008, File No. 001-14768)

+10.24

Currently effective Change in Control Agreement between NSTAR's Vice Presidents and NSTAR (in form) (Exhibit 10.17, 2009 NSTAR Form 10-K filed February 25, 2010, File No. 001-14768)

+10.25

Executive Retention Award Agreement, dated November 19, 2010, by and between NSTAR and James J. Judge (Exhibit 99.2, NSTAR Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 22, 2010, File No. 001-14768)

10.26

MDTE Order approving Rate Settlement Agreement dated December 31, 2005 (Exhibit 99.2, NSTAR Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 4, 2006, File No. 001-14768)

(D)

NU and WMECO

10.1

Lease and Agreement by and between WMECO and Bank of New England, N.A., with BNE Realty Leasing Corporation of North Carolina dated as of December 15, 1988, (Exhibit 10.63, 1988 NU Form 10-K, File No. 001-05324)

*12.

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

(A)

Northeast Utilities

(B)

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

(C)

NSTAR Electric Company

(D)

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

(E)

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

*21.

Subsidiaries of the Registrant

*23.

Consents of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms

23.1

Deloitte & Touche LLP

23.2

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

*31.

Rule 13a 14(a)/15 d 14(a) Certifications

(A)

Northeast Utilities

Certification of Thomas J. May, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of NU required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

31.1

Certification of James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(B)

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

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Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of CL&P required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

31.1

Certification of James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CL&P required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(C)

NSTAR Electric Company

31

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric Company, required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

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(D)

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

31

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of PSNH required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

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(E)

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

31

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of WMECO required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

31.1

Certification of James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of WMECO required by Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

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18 U.S.C. Section 1350 Certifications

(A)

Northeast Utilities

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Certification of Thomas J. May, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Utilities and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Northeast Utilities, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(B)

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

32

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of The Connecticut Light and Power Company and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Connecticut Light and Power Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(C)

NSTAR Electric Company

32

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric Company and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR Electric Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(D)

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

32

Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of Public Service Company of New Hampshire and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, pursuant

to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

(E)

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

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Certification of Leon J. Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of Western Massachusetts Electric Company and David R. McHale, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated February 25, 2014

*101.INS

XBRL Instance Document

*101.SCH

XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema

*101.CAL

XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation

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XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition

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XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels

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