

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2014  
OR**

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Commission File Number</u></b>	<b><u>Registrant; State of Incorporation; Address; and Telephone Number</u></b>	<b><u>I.R.S. Employer Identification No.</u></b>
1-5324	<b>NORTHEAST UTILITIES</b> (a Massachusetts voluntary association) 300 Cadwell Drive Springfield, Massachusetts 01104 Telephone: (413) 785-5871	04-2147929
0-00404	<b>THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY</b> (a Connecticut corporation) 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut 06037-1616 Telephone: (860) 665-5000	06-0303850

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1-02301	<b>NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY</b> (a Massachusetts corporation) 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199 Telephone: (617) 424-2000	04-1278810
1-6392	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> (a New Hampshire corporation) Energy Park 780 North Commercial Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03101-1134 Telephone: (603) 669-4000	02-0181050
0-7624	<b>WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY</b> (a Massachusetts corporation) 300 Cadwell Drive Springfield, Massachusetts 01104 Telephone: (413) 785-5871	04-1961130

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<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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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 registrants were required to submit and post such files).

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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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):

	<b>Large Accelerated Filer</b>	<b>Accelerated Filer</b>	<b>Non-accelerated Filer</b>
Northeast Utilities	T	£	£
The Connecticut Light and Power Company	£	£	T
NSTAR Electric Company	£	£	T
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	£	£	T
Western Massachusetts Electric Company	£	£	T

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	£	T
The Connecticut Light and Power Company	£	T
NSTAR Electric Company	£	T
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	£	T
Western Massachusetts Electric Company	£	T

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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 October 31, 2014</u>
Northeast Utilities Common shares, \$5.00 par value	316,799,371 shares
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

Northeast Utilities 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.

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

**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:**

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 Electric & Gas	NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, a former Northeast Utilities service company (effective January 1, 2014 merged into NUSCO)
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 (effective January 1, 2014 includes the operations of NSTAR Electric & Gas)
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
<b>REGULATORS:</b>	
DEEP	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOER	Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
DPU	Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
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
<b>OTHER:</b>	
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 <sub>2</sub>	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

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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
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 <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen oxides
NU 2013 Form 10-K	The Northeast Utilities and Subsidiaries 2013 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 Plans and non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans
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 <sub>2</sub>	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  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 41,706	\$ 43,364
Receivables, Net	848,510	765,391
Unbilled Revenues	181,284	224,982
Fuel, Materials and Supplies	333,869	303,233
Regulatory Assets	445,962	535,791
Marketable Securities	114,722	92,427
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	135,497	121,861
Total Current Assets	2,101,550	2,087,049
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	18,254,610	17,576,186
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	3,241,122	3,758,694
Goodwill	3,519,401	3,519,401
Marketable Securities	518,032	488,515
Other Long-Term Assets	347,596	365,692
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	7,626,151	8,132,302
Total Assets	\$ 27,982,311	\$ 27,795,537

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u></b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable	\$ 1,046,961	\$ 1,093,000
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	245,583	533,346
Accounts Payable	608,639	742,251
Regulatory Liabilities	398,985	204,278
Other Current Liabilities	629,508	702,776
Total Current Liabilities	2,929,676	3,275,651
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	4,257,996	4,029,026
Regulatory Liabilities	509,889	502,984
Derivative Liabilities	420,931	624,050
Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP	787,550	896,844
Other Long-Term Liabilities	863,164	923,053
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	6,839,530	6,975,957
Capitalization:		
Long-Term Debt	8,166,985	7,776,833
Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries	155,568	155,568
Equity:		
Common Shareholders' Equity:		
Common Shares	1,666,767	1,665,351
Capital Surplus, Paid In	6,219,516	6,192,765
Retained Earnings	2,351,421	2,125,980
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(40,172)	(46,031)
Treasury Stock	(306,980)	(326,537)
Common Shareholders' Equity	9,890,552	9,611,528
Total Capitalization	18,213,105	17,543,929
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 27,982,311	\$ 27,795,537

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND  
SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS  
OF INCOME  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,892,532	\$ 1,892,590	\$ 5,860,736	\$ 5,523,475
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	716,631	645,881	2,318,993	1,881,992
Operations and Maintenance	344,092	386,700	1,069,015	1,089,960
Depreciation	153,210	149,105	456,224	463,635
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	(22,531)	70,046	31,826	178,668
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	-	-	42,581
Energy Efficiency Programs	118,693	106,097	360,228	306,010
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	141,527	135,499	421,862	391,846
Total Operating Expenses	1,451,622	1,493,328	4,658,148	4,354,692
Operating Income	440,910	399,262	1,202,588	1,168,783
Interest Expense:				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	85,208	84,911	260,076	256,205
Other Interest	4,530	2,565	12,132	(5,622)
Interest Expense	89,738	87,476	272,208	250,583
Other Income, Net	11,860	8,945	19,054	21,655
Income Before Income Tax Expense	363,032	320,731	949,434	939,855
Income Tax Expense	126,539	109,351	345,858	325,442
Net Income	236,493	211,380	603,576	614,413
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	1,879	1,879	5,639	5,803
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$ 234,614	\$ 209,501	\$ 597,937	\$ 608,610
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.66	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.93
Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.10

Weighted Average Common Shares

Outstanding:

Basic	316,340,691	315,291,346	315,941,904	315,191,752
Diluted	317,554,925	316,218,239	317,186,490	316,061,131

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

Net Income	\$	236,493	\$	211,380	\$	603,576	\$	614,413
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax:								
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments		509		509		1,528		1,539
Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities		(216)		(38)		242		(810)
Changes in Funded Status of Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plans		1,042		1,611		4,089		4,738
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax		1,335		2,082		5,859		5,467
Comprehensive Income Attributable to								
Noncontrolling Interests		(1,879)		(1,879)		(5,639)		(5,803)
Comprehensive Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$	235,949	\$	211,583	\$	603,796	\$	614,077

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 603,576	\$ 614,413
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	456,224	463,635
Deferred Income Taxes	64,755	334,225
Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense	74,296	146,803
Pension and PBOP Contributions	(74,681)	(338,301)
Regulatory Overrecoveries, Net	290,111	66,239
Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net	31,826	178,668
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	42,581
Proceeds from DOE Damages Claim, Net	132,138	-
Other	(17,096)	3,158
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	(66,463)	(98,432)
Fuel, Materials and Supplies	(27,147)	(13,134)
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	26,533	(28,609)
Accounts Payable	(69,448)	(112,512)
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	(20,607)	(81,766)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	1,404,017	1,176,968
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(1,117,493)	(1,073,759)
Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities	388,352	487,729
Purchases of Marketable Securities	(389,406)	(541,070)
Decrease in Special Deposits	-	69,259
Other Investing Activities	(4,669)	(1,137)
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(1,123,216)	(1,058,978)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Cash Dividends on Common Shares	(356,080)	(341,720)
Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock	(5,639)	(5,802)
Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	6,000	(172,000)
Issuance of Long-Term Debt	650,000	1,350,000
Retirements of Long-Term Debt	(576,650)	(840,600)
Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	(82,139)
Other Financing Activities	(90)	(13,536)
Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities	(282,459)	(105,797)
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,658)	12,193
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period	43,364	45,748



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Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period	\$	41,706	\$	57,941
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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
 CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 16,294	\$ 7,237
Receivables, Net	369,492	319,670
Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies	35,276	13,777
Unbilled Revenues	87,806	92,401
Regulatory Assets	116,531	150,943
Materials and Supplies	47,086	54,606
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	52,839	-
Prepaid Property Taxes	47,429	13,962
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	17,608	39,120
Total Current Assets	790,361	691,716
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	6,700,798	6,451,259
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	1,369,025	1,663,147
Other Long-Term Assets	178,313	174,380
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	1,547,338	1,837,527
Total Assets	\$ 9,038,497	\$ 8,980,502

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
 CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u></b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable to NU Parent	\$ 105,400	\$ 287,300
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	162,000	150,000
Accounts Payable	228,379	201,047
Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies	46,977	56,531
Obligations to Third Party Suppliers	67,630	73,914
Accrued Taxes	54,652	37,186
Regulatory Liabilities	195,663	93,961
Derivative Liabilities	86,759	92,233
Other Current Liabilities	107,284	97,530
Total Current Liabilities	1,054,744	1,089,702
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	1,581,344	1,510,586
Regulatory Liabilities	87,696	93,757
Derivative Liabilities	418,137	617,072
Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP	63,756	95,895
Other Long-Term Liabilities	143,838	163,588
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	2,294,771	2,480,898
Capitalization:		
Long-Term Debt	2,679,775	2,591,208
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	1,804,228	1,682,047
Retained Earnings	1,029,473	961,482
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(1,046)	(1,387)
Common Stockholder's Equity	2,893,007	2,702,494
Total Capitalization	5,688,982	5,409,902
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 9,038,497	\$ 8,980,502

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY  
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 695,642	\$ 648,420	\$ 2,017,580	\$ 1,841,846
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power and Transmission	255,787	253,152	736,952	667,266
Operations and Maintenance	127,285	127,104	368,562	359,759
Depreciation	46,886	44,786	139,598	132,356
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	13,098	(27)	62,644	11,223
Energy Efficiency Programs	41,399	24,544	119,389	68,211
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	64,994	64,979	194,105	182,676
Total Operating Expenses	549,449	514,538	1,621,250	1,421,491
Operating Income	146,193	133,882	396,330	420,355
Interest Expense:				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	34,743	32,845	102,290	98,163
Other Interest	3,992	2,439	8,158	801
Interest Expense	38,735	35,284	110,448	98,964
Other Income, Net	6,456	3,861	10,658	10,946
Income Before Income Tax Expense	113,914	102,459	296,540	332,337
Income Tax Expense	30,038	36,136	95,980	113,149
Net Income	\$ 83,876	\$ 66,323	\$ 200,560	\$ 219,188

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE  
INCOME  
(Unaudited)

Net Income	\$ 83,876	\$ 66,323	\$ 200,560	\$ 219,188
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Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax:				
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments	111	111	333	333
Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities	(7)	(1)	8	(27)
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	104	110	341	306
Comprehensive Income	\$ 83,980	\$ 66,433	\$ 200,901	\$ 219,494

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 200,560	\$ 219,188
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	139,598	132,356
Deferred Income Taxes	(14,400)	89,084
Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense, Net of PBOP Contributions	8,050	16,182
Regulatory Overrecoveries, Net	62,929	24,061
Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net	62,644	11,223
Proceeds from DOE Damages Claim	68,610	-
Other	(11,290)	(8,759)
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	(87,922)	(44,523)
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	39,805	841
Accounts Payable	16,984	(101,949)
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	(2,575)	(29,106)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	482,993	308,598
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(371,660)	(294,638)
Other Investing Activities	(4,539)	2,013
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(376,199)	(292,625)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Cash Dividends on Common Stock	(128,400)	(114,000)
Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock	(4,169)	(4,169)
Issuance of Long-Term Debt	250,000	400,000
Retirements of Long-Term Debt	(150,000)	(125,000)
Decrease in Notes Payable to NU Parent	(181,900)	(62,200)
Capital Contribution from NU Parent	120,000	-
Decrease in Short-Term Debt	-	(89,000)
Other Financing Activities	(3,268)	(6,352)
Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities	(97,737)	(721)
Net Increase in Cash	9,057	15,252
Cash - Beginning of Period	7,237	1
Cash - End of Period	\$ 16,294	\$ 15,253

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 11,040	\$ 8,021
Receivables, Net	275,902	209,711
Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies	47,215	27,264
Unbilled Revenues	39,372	41,368
Materials and Supplies	65,073	44,236
Regulatory Assets	128,205	204,144
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	11,267	36,710
Total Current Assets	578,074	571,454
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	5,211,681	5,043,887
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	998,030	1,235,156
Other Long-Term Assets	62,644	60,624
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	1,060,674	1,295,780
Total Assets	\$ 6,850,429	\$ 6,911,121

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u></b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Notes Payable	\$ 159,500	\$ 103,500
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	4,700	301,650
Accounts Payable	128,056	202,100
Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies	62,625	75,707
Obligations to Third Party Suppliers	37,298	5,459
Power Contract Obligations	35,783	30,842
Renewable Portfolio Standards Compliance Obligations	34,905	39,686
Accrued Taxes	42,338	7,946
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	9,622	50,128
Regulatory Liabilities	97,215	53,958
Other Current Liabilities	62,436	39,936
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>674,478</b>	<b>910,912</b>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	1,425,306	1,466,835
Regulatory Liabilities	266,524	253,108
Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP	142,249	118,010
Payable to Affiliated Companies	-	64,172
Other Long-Term Liabilities	112,853	142,214
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>1,946,932</b>	<b>2,044,339</b>
<b>Capitalization:</b>		
Long-Term Debt	1,792,707	1,499,417
Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption	43,000	43,000
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity:</b>		
Common Stock	-	-
Capital Surplus, Paid In	993,163	992,625
Retained Earnings	1,400,149	1,420,828
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity</b>	<b>2,393,312</b>	<b>2,413,453</b>
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>4,229,019</b>	<b>3,955,870</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 6,850,429</b>	<b>\$ 6,911,121</b>

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY  
AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
INCOME  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 727,909	\$ 753,879	\$ 1,955,609	\$ 1,916,557
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power and Transmission	317,784	255,244	879,773	659,140
Operations and Maintenance	79,705	97,069	244,610	277,261
Depreciation	47,455	45,441	140,996	136,323
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	(15,063)	72,740	(916)	173,289
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	-	-	15,054
Energy Efficiency Programs	56,915	58,798	145,499	161,180
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	34,513	32,610	99,121	95,275
Total Operating Expenses	521,309	561,902	1,509,083	1,517,522
Operating Income	206,600	191,977	446,526	399,035
Interest Expense:				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	17,996	19,860	58,485	59,261
Other Interest	(658)	(1,324)	606	(7,612)
Interest Expense	17,338	18,536	59,091	51,649
Other Income, Net	3,287	2,126	3,011	3,275
Income Before Income Tax Expense	192,549	175,567	390,446	350,661
Income Tax Expense	76,975	68,558	156,655	137,499
Net Income	\$ 115,574	\$ 107,009	\$ 233,791	\$ 213,162

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 233,791	\$ 213,162
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	140,996	136,323
Deferred Income Taxes	(39,399)	26,358
Pension and PBOP Expense, Net of Contributions	(11,046)	(55,195)
Regulatory Over/(Under) Recoveries, Net	155,357	(11,299)
Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net	(916)	173,289
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	15,054
Proceeds from DOE Damages Claim	30,193	-
Bad Debt Expense	15,250	19,012
Other	(56,851)	(48,291)
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	(47,770)	(80,575)
Materials and Supplies	(20,837)	7,961
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	60,252	(6,345)
Accounts Payable	(40,594)	6,856
Accounts Receivable from/Payable to Affiliates, Net	66,758	(59,173)
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	32,340	(19,547)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	517,524	317,590
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(309,248)	(330,635)
Decrease in Special Deposits	-	37,899
Other Investing Activities	-	575
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(309,248)	(292,161)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Cash Dividends on Common Stock	(253,000)	(56,000)
Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock	(1,470)	(1,633)
Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	56,000	(120,000)
Issuance of Long-Term Debt	300,000	200,000
Retirements of Long-Term Debt	(301,650)	(1,650)
Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	(43,493)
Other Financing Activities	(5,137)	(878)
Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities	(205,257)	(23,654)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,019	1,775
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period	8,021	13,695

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Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period	\$	11,040	\$	15,470
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,750	\$ 130
Receivables, Net	77,602	76,331
Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies	6,271	90
Unbilled Revenues	33,088	38,344
Fuel, Materials and Supplies	141,381	128,736
Regulatory Assets	102,473	92,194
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	22,270	24,100
Total Current Assets	385,835	359,925
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	2,560,635	2,467,556
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	178,204	219,346
Other Long-Term Assets	54,748	39,891
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	232,952	259,237
 Total Assets	 \$ 3,179,422	 \$ 3,086,718

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND  
 SUBSIDIARY  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u></b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable to NU Parent	\$ 153,300	\$ 86,500
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	-	50,000
Accounts Payable	58,801	82,920
Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies	22,932	22,040
Regulatory Liabilities	29,165	20,643
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	29,936	28,596
Other Current Liabilities	38,725	51,729
Total Current Liabilities	332,859	342,428
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	566,298	500,166
Regulatory Liabilities	50,614	51,723
Accrued SERP and PBOP	14,320	15,272
Other Long-Term Liabilities	46,874	46,247
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	678,106	613,408
Capitalization:		
Long-Term Debt	999,230	999,006
Common Stockholder's Equity:		
Common Stock	-	-
Capital Surplus, Paid In	702,923	701,911
Retained Earnings	473,969	438,515
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(7,665)	(8,550)
Common Stockholder's Equity	1,169,227	1,131,876
Total Capitalization	2,168,457	2,130,882
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 3,179,422	\$ 3,086,718

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND  
 SUBSIDIARY  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
 INCOME  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 223,664	\$ 218,608	\$ 735,123	\$ 708,550
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	64,397	46,668	247,992	197,765
Operations and Maintenance	65,563	69,477	198,025	191,606
Depreciation	24,568	22,919	73,247	68,433
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	(9,734)	225	(17,565)	(1,745)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	-	-	19,748
Energy Efficiency Programs	3,766	3,990	10,897	11,036
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	18,702	18,706	53,051	52,640
Total Operating Expenses	167,262	161,985	565,647	539,483
Operating Income	56,402	56,623	169,476	169,067
Interest Expense:				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	10,896	10,345	33,812	32,951
Other Interest	128	521	183	1,230
Interest Expense	11,024	10,866	33,995	34,181
Other Income, Net	461	792	1,673	2,454
Income Before Income Tax Expense	45,839	46,549	137,154	137,340
Income Tax Expense	17,603	18,196	52,199	52,797
Net Income	\$ 28,236	\$ 28,353	\$ 84,955	\$ 84,543

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE  
 INCOME

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Net Income	\$	28,236	\$	28,353	\$	84,955	\$	84,543
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax:								
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments		290		290		871		872
Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities		(13)		(2)		14		(47)
Changes in Funded Status of Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plans		-		-		-		(3)
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax		277		288		885		822
Comprehensive Income	\$	28,513	\$	28,641	\$	85,840	\$	85,365

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 84,955	\$ 84,543
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	73,247	68,433
Deferred Income Taxes	67,827	57,066
Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense	4,541	20,427
Pension and PBOP Contributions	(1,637)	(112,964)
Regulatory Over/(Under) Recoveries, Net	16,813	(1,346)
Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net	(17,565)	(1,745)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	19,748
Proceeds from DOE Damages Claim	14,453	-
Other	7,930	7,165
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	(7,467)	8,047
Fuel, Materials and Supplies	(17,350)	(30,456)
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	(24,108)	5,103
Accounts Payable	(9,297)	29,148
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	13,470	7,220
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	205,812	160,389
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(170,127)	(155,676)
(Increase)/Decrease in Special Deposits	(45)	22,039
Other Investing Activities	(103)	(53)
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(170,275)	(133,690)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Cash Dividends on Common Stock	(49,500)	(51,000)
Increase in Notes Payable to NU Parent	66,800	165,200
Retirements of Long-Term Debt	(50,000)	(108,950)
Retirements of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	(29,294)
Other Financing Activities	(217)	456
Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities	(32,917)	(23,588)
Net Increase in Cash	2,620	3,111
Cash - Beginning of Period	130	2,493
Cash - End of Period	\$ 2,750	\$ 5,604

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 1,737	\$ -
Receivables, Net	50,835	49,018
Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies	14,522	47,607
Unbilled Revenues	12,664	16,562
Taxes Receivable	11,504	432
Regulatory Assets	38,907	43,024
Marketable Securities	22,107	26,628
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	6,688	10,479
Total Current Assets	158,964	193,750
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	1,432,368	1,381,060
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	109,690	146,088
Marketable Securities	35,963	31,243
Other Long-Term Assets	50,902	40,679
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	196,555	218,010
Total Assets	\$ 1,787,887	\$ 1,792,820

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</u></b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Notes Payable to NU Parent	\$ 13,200	\$ -
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	50,000	-
Accounts Payable	36,558	62,961
Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies	13,312	9,230
Accrued Interest	2,839	7,525
Regulatory Liabilities	43,462	19,858
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	1,920	13,098
Counterparty Deposits	626	7,688
Other Current Liabilities	11,758	20,629
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>173,675</b>	<b>140,989</b>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	413,701	396,933
Regulatory Liabilities	10,289	13,873
Accrued SERP and PBOP	2,623	3,911
Other Long-Term Liabilities	38,372	28,619
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>464,985</b>	<b>443,336</b>
<b>Capitalization:</b>		
Long-Term Debt	578,686	629,389
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity:</b>		
Common Stock	10,866	10,866
Capital Surplus, Paid In	391,136	390,743
Retained Earnings	171,800	181,014
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(3,261)	(3,517)
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity</b>	<b>570,541</b>	<b>579,106</b>
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>1,149,227</b>	<b>1,208,495</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 1,787,887</b>	<b>\$ 1,792,820</b>

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF  
 INCOME  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 118,145	\$ 121,795	\$ 363,843	\$ 361,763
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power and Transmission	43,926	38,797	130,977	111,095
Operations and Maintenance	20,820	26,148	67,085	70,213
Depreciation	10,506	9,426	31,144	27,707
Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net	(8,519)	(1,412)	(7,778)	(598)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	-	-	7,780
Energy Efficiency Programs	10,983	12,222	33,096	28,462
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	9,200	7,696	25,679	20,188
Total Operating Expenses	86,916	92,877	280,203	264,847
Operating Income	31,229	28,918	83,640	96,916
Interest Expense:				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	6,029	5,814	18,195	17,846
Other Interest	547	417	734	954
Interest Expense	6,576	6,231	18,929	18,800
Other Income, Net	502	926	1,670	2,349
Income Before Income Tax Expense	25,155	23,613	66,381	80,465
Income Tax Expense	10,490	8,588	26,596	30,424
Net Income	\$ 14,665	\$ 15,025	\$ 39,785	\$ 50,041

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE  
INCOME  
(Unaudited)

Net Income	\$	14,665	\$	15,025	\$	39,785	\$	50,041
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax:								
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments		85		85		254		254
Changes in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Other Securities		(2)		-		2		(8)
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax		83		85		256		246
Comprehensive Income	\$	14,748	\$	15,110	\$	40,041	\$	50,287

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 39,785	\$ 50,041
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	31,144	27,707
Deferred Income Taxes	13,479	79,401
Regulatory Overrecoveries, Net	33,630	11,685
Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net	(7,778)	(598)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	7,780
Proceeds from DOE Damages Claim	18,883	-
Other	615	(544)
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	36,075	(32,231)
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	(15,831)	16,412
Accounts Payable	(12,847)	20,260
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	(16,551)	(9,857)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	120,604	170,056
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(82,546)	(127,352)
Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities	58,788	53,552
Purchases of Marketable Securities	(59,280)	(54,042)
Other Investing Activities	-	7,401
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(83,038)	(120,441)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Cash Dividends on Common Stock	(49,000)	(30,000)
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	(55,000)
Increase in Notes Payable to NU Parent	13,200	47,900
Retirement of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	(9,352)
Other Financing Activities	(29)	(7)
Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities	(35,829)	(46,459)
Net Increase in Cash	1,737	3,156
Cash - Beginning of Period	-	1
Cash - End of Period	\$ 1,737	\$ 3,157

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed 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 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

Refer to the Glossary of Terms included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for abbreviations and acronyms used throughout the combined notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**1.**

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A.**

**Basis of Presentation**

NU is a public utility holding company primarily engaged through its wholly owned regulated utility subsidiaries in the energy delivery business. 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.

The unaudited condensed 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 unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of NU, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the unaudited condensed financial statements of CL&P and WMECO are herein collectively referred to as the "financial statements."

The combined notes to the financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. Certain information and footnote disclosures included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The accompanying financial statements should be

read in conjunction with the entirety of this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the first and second quarter 2014 combined Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the 2013 combined Annual Report on Form 10-K of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, which were filed with the SEC. 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.

The financial statements contain, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (including normal, recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly NU's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's financial position as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the results of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. The results of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for a full year.

NU consolidates CYAPC and YAEC because 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.

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 2, "Regulatory Accounting," for further information.

Certain reclassifications of prior period data were made in the accompanying balance sheets for NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, and in the statements of income for NU, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. These reclassifications were made to conform to the current period presentation.

## **B.**

### **Accounting Standards**

*Recently Adopted Accounting Standards:* On January 1, 2014, as required, NU prospectively adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) final Accounting Standards Updates (ASU) that required presentation of certain unrecognized tax benefits as reductions to deferred tax assets. Implementation of this guidance had an immaterial impact on the balance sheets and no impact on the results of operations or cash flows of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO.

*Accounting Standards Issued but not Yet Adopted:* In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, effective January 1, 2017, which amends existing revenue recognition guidance and is required to be applied retrospectively (either to each reporting period presented or cumulatively at the date of initial application). Management is reviewing the requirements of the new ASU, however the ASU's impact is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements of NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO.

**C.****Provision for Uncollectible Accounts**

NU, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, presents its receivables at estimated net realizable value by maintaining a provision for uncollectible accounts. This provision is determined based upon a variety of factors, including the application of an estimated uncollectible percentage to each receivable aging category. The estimate is based upon historical collection and write-off experience and management's assessment of collectibility from individual customers. Management continuously assesses the collectibility of receivables, and adjusts collectibility estimates based on actual experience. 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 provision for uncollectible accounts, which is included in Receivables, Net on the balance sheets, was as follows:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>	
NU	\$	181.4	\$	171.3
CL&P		85.8		82.0
NSTAR Electric		42.3		41.7
PSNH		7.9		7.4
WMECO		11.1		10.0

**D.****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, and is also used to estimate the fair value of preferred stock and long-term debt.

*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 4, "Derivative Instruments," Note 5, "Marketable Securities," and Note 10, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," to the financial statements.

**E.**

**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 relates to debt and equity securities held in trust. For further information, see Note 5, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

**F.**

**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>	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>September 30, 2013</b>	<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>September 30, 2013</b>
NU	\$ 35.0	\$ 37.5	\$ 114.6	\$ 108.9
CL&P	32.5	35.5	99.0	97.3

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.



**G. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

Non-cash investing activities include plant additions included in Accounts Payable as follows:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>As of September 30, 2013</b>	
NU	\$	128.9	\$	122.9
CL&P		52.2		36.6
NSTAR Electric		18.1		31.9
PSNH		21.0		16.9
WMECO		10.0		13.8

In the first nine months of 2014, as a result of damages awarded to the Yankee Companies for spent nuclear fuel lawsuits against the DOE described in Note 9C, "Commitments and Contingencies - Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies," NU received total proceeds of \$132.1 million, which were net of \$80.6 million in proceeds CYAPC and YAEC returned to non-affiliated member companies.

**H.****Severance Benefits**

NU recorded severance benefit expenses of \$0.7 million and \$6.5 million associated with the partial outsourcing of information technology functions and ongoing post-merger integration for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively, and \$9.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the severance accrual totaled \$6.4 million and \$14.7 million, respectively, and was included in Other Current Liabilities on the balance sheets.

**2.****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 follow 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:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>	
		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>
Benefit Costs	\$	1,113.2	\$	1,240.2
Derivative Liabilities		427.5		638.0
Income Taxes, Net		623.2		626.2
Storm Restoration Costs		493.5		589.6
Goodwill-related		510.5		525.9
Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms		235.7		323.4
Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies		124.6		154.2
Buy Out Agreements for Power Contracts		49.8		70.2
Other Regulatory Assets		109.1		126.8
Total Regulatory Assets		3,687.1		4,294.5
Less: Current Portion		446.0		535.8
Total Long-Term Regulatory Assets	\$	3,241.1	\$	3,758.7

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>				<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>			
	<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>			
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>
Benefit Costs	\$ 242.2	\$ 318.1	\$ 78.1	\$ 44.3	\$ 297.7	\$ 496.7	\$ 100.6	\$ 57.3
Derivative Liabilities	421.1	4.3	-	-	630.4	7.7	-	-
Income Taxes, Net	427.4	83.3	38.3	35.3	415.5	84.0	40.3	43.7
Storm Restoration Costs	326.0	106.2	29.3	32.0	397.8	109.3	43.7	38.8
Goodwill-related	-	438.3	-	-	-	451.5	-	-
Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms	5.2	76.4	94.7	23.5	8.0	169.5	83.3	32.6
Buy Out Agreements for Power Contracts	-	45.4	4.4	-	-	64.7	5.5	-
Other Regulatory Assets	63.6	54.2	35.9	13.5	64.6	55.9	38.1	16.7
Total Regulatory Assets	1,485.5	1,126.2	280.7	148.6	1,814.0	1,439.3	311.5	189.1
Less: Current Portion	116.5	128.2	102.5	38.9	150.9	204.1	92.2	43.0
Total Long-Term Regulatory Assets	\$ 1,369.0	\$ 998.0	\$ 178.2	\$ 109.7	\$ 1,663.1	\$ 1,235.2	\$ 219.3	\$ 146.1

*Benefit Costs:* For information related to the Regulated companies' pension and other postretirement benefits, see Note 7, "Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions."

*Storm Restoration Costs:* On March 12, 2014, the PURA approved recovery of \$365 million of deferred storm restoration costs (with carrying charges) associated with five major storms that occurred in 2011 and 2012. CL&P will recover these costs in its distribution rates over a six-year period beginning December 1, 2014. Effective June 1, 2014, CL&P received \$65.4 million of DOE Phase II Damages proceeds. On June 17, 2014,

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the PURA ordered CL&P to refund these proceeds to customers by offsetting the deferred storm restoration costs regulatory asset. For further information on the DOE Phase II Damages proceeds received from the Yankee Companies, see Note 9C, "Commitments and Contingencies - Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies," to the financial statements.

*Regulatory Costs in Other Long-Term Assets:* The Regulated companies had \$64.7 million (\$3.2 million for CL&P, \$36 million for NSTAR Electric, and \$11.2 million for WMECO) and \$65.1 million (\$7.3 million for CL&P, \$33.4 million for NSTAR Electric, and \$10.1 million for WMECO) of additional regulatory costs as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, 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.

*Regulatory Liabilities:* The components of regulatory liabilities are as follows:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>	
		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>
Cost of Removal	\$	439.1	\$	435.1
Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms		339.9		151.2
AFUDC - Transmission		67.2		68.1
Other Regulatory Liabilities		62.7		52.9
Total Regulatory Liabilities		908.9		707.3
Less: Current Portion		399.0		204.3
Total Long-Term Regulatory Liabilities	\$	509.9	\$	503.0

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>				<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>			
		<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>		
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>
Cost of Removal	\$ 22.5	\$ 260.7	\$ 49.2	\$ -	\$ 29.1	\$ 250.0	\$ 49.7	\$ -
Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms	196.4	67.3	25.9	43.9	95.6	21.9	21.6	21.1
AFUDC - Transmission	53.9	4.1	-	9.2	54.7	4.1	-	9.3
Other Regulatory Liabilities	10.6	31.6	4.7	0.7	8.4	31.1	1.0	3.4
Total Regulatory Liabilities	283.4	363.7	79.8	53.8	187.8	307.1	72.3	33.8
Less: Current Portion	195.7	97.2	29.2	43.5	94.0	54.0	20.6	19.9
Total Long-Term Regulatory Liabilities	\$ 87.7	\$ 266.5	\$ 50.6	\$ 10.3	\$ 93.8	\$ 253.1	\$ 51.7	\$ 13.9

As a result of two FERC orders issued on June 19, 2014 in the pending base ROE complaint proceedings described in Note 9E, "Commitments and Contingencies - FERC Base ROE Complaints," in the second quarter of 2014 the Company had recorded a series of reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact of these rulings. As of September 30, 2014, the cumulative pre-tax reserves (excluding interest) totaled \$76.1 million at NU, \$42.9 million at CL&P, \$15.6 million at NSTAR Electric, \$5.9 million at PSNH and \$11.7 million at WMECO.

As of December 31, 2013, as a result of the FERC ALJ initial decision in the third quarter of 2013, the Company had an aggregate pre-tax reserve (excluding interest) of \$23.7 million at NU, \$12.8 million at CL&P, \$5.7 million at NSTAR Electric, \$2.3 million at PSNH and \$2.9 million at WMECO. These reserves were recorded in each electric subsidiary's respective transmission regulatory tracker mechanism and as a reduction of Operating Revenues.

Effective June 1, 2014, as a result of damages awarded to the Yankee Companies for spent nuclear fuel lawsuits against the DOE described in Note 9C, "Commitments and Contingencies - Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies," the Yankee Companies returned the DOE Phase II Damages proceeds to the member companies, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO, for the benefit of their respective customers. CL&P's refund obligation to customers of \$65.4 million was recorded as an offset to the deferred storm restoration costs regulatory asset, as directed by PURA. NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's refund obligation to customers of \$29.1 million, \$13.1 million and \$18.1 million, respectively, was recorded as a regulatory liability in each electric subsidiary's respective regulatory tracker mechanisms. Refunds to customers for these DOE proceeds began in the third quarter of 2014.

3.

**PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**

The following tables summarize the investments in utility property, plant and equipment by asset category:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>	
		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>
Distribution - Electric	\$	12,306.6	\$	11,950.2
Distribution - Natural Gas		2,494.5		2,425.9
Transmission		6,564.2		6,412.5
Generation		1,168.6		1,152.3
Electric and Natural Gas Utility		22,533.9		21,940.9
Other <sup>(1)</sup>		541.7		508.7
Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross		23,075.6		22,449.6
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Electric and Natural Gas Utility		(5,687.0)		(5,387.0)
Other		(216.3)		(196.2)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(5,903.3)		(5,583.2)
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net		17,172.3		16,866.4
Construction Work in Progress		1,082.3		709.8
Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	\$	18,254.6	\$	17,576.2

(1)

These assets represent unregulated property and are primarily comprised of building improvements, computer software, hardware and equipment and telecommunications assets at NU's unregulated companies.

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>				<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>			
	<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>			
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>
Distribution	\$ 5,104.8	\$ 4,812.4	\$ 1,654.5	\$ 774.8	\$ 4,930.7	\$ 4,694.7	\$ 1,608.2	\$ 756.6
Transmission	3,125.2	1,824.6	715.8	851.8	3,071.9	1,772.3	695.7	826.4
Generation	-	-	1,134.7	33.9	-	-	1,131.2	21.1
Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross	8,230.0	6,637.0	3,505.0	1,660.5	8,002.6	6,467.0	3,435.1	1,604.1
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,908.2)	(1,726.7)	(1,069.4)	(291.8)	(1,804.1)	(1,631.3)	(1,021.8)	(271.5)
	6,321.8	4,910.3	2,435.6	1,368.7	6,198.5	4,835.7	2,413.3	1,332.6



Property, Plant and Equipment, Net									
Construction Work in Progress	379.0	301.4	125.0	63.7	252.8	208.2	54.3	48.5	
Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	\$ 6,700.8	\$ 5,211.7	\$ 2,560.6	\$ 1,432.4	\$ 6,451.3	\$ 5,043.9	\$ 2,467.6	\$ 1,381.1	

**4.****DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

The Regulated companies purchase and procure energy and energy-related products, which are subject to price volatility, for their customers. 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. 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:

(Millions of Dollars)	Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management	As of September 30, 2014		Net Amount Recorded as Derivative Asset/(Liability)
			Netting <sup>(1)</sup>	
<u>Current Derivative Assets:</u>				
Level 2:				
NU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.4	\$ -	\$ 0.4	
Level 3:				
NU <sup>(1)</sup>	17.4	(6.8)	10.6	
CL&P <sup>(1)</sup>	16.4	(6.8)	9.6	
NSTAR Electric	1.0	-	1.0	
<u>Long-Term Derivative Assets:</u>				
Level 3:				
NU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 96.0	\$ (20.9)	\$ 75.1	
CL&P <sup>(1)</sup>	95.1	(20.9)	74.2	
NSTAR Electric	0.9	-	0.9	
<u>Current Derivative Liabilities:</u>				
Level 2:				
NU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (2.4)	\$ 0.4	\$ (2.0)	
Level 3:				
NU	(88.3)	-	(88.3)	
CL&P	(86.8)	-	(86.8)	
NSTAR Electric	(1.5)	-	(1.5)	
<u>Long-Term Derivative Liabilities:</u>				
Level 3:				
NU	\$ (420.9)	\$ -	\$ (420.9)	
CL&P	(418.1)	-	(418.1)	
NSTAR Electric	(2.8)	-	(2.8)	

(Millions of Dollars)	Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management	As of December 31, 2013		Net Amount Recorded as Derivative Asset/(Liability)
			Netting <sup>(1)</sup>	
<u>Current Derivative Assets:</u>				
Level 2:				
NU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.9	\$ (0.3)	\$ 1.6	
Level 3:				

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NU <sup>(1)</sup>	18.4	(9.8)	8.6
CL&P <sup>(1)</sup>	17.1	(9.8)	7.3
NSTAR Electric	1.2	-	1.2

Long-Term Derivative Assets:

Level 2:

NU	\$	0.2	\$	-	\$	0.2
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Level 3:

NU <sup>(1)</sup>	116.2	(42.2)	74.0
CL&P <sup>(1)</sup>	113.6	(42.2)	71.4

Current Derivative Liabilities:

Level 3:

NU	\$	(93.7)	\$	-	\$	(93.7)
CL&P		(92.2)		-		(92.2)
NSTAR Electric		(1.5)		-		(1.5)

Long-Term Derivative

Liabilities:

Level 3:

NU	\$	(624.1)	\$	-	\$	(624.1)
CL&P		(617.1)		-		(617.1)
NSTAR Electric		(7.0)		-		(7.0)

(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.

For further information on the fair value of derivative contracts, see Note 1D, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," to the financial statements.

Derivatives At Fair Value with Offsetting Regulatory Amounts

*Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management:* As required by regulation, CL&P, along with UI, has capacity-related contracts with generation facilities. 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 combined

capacity of these contracts is 787 MW. 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.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NU had NYMEX future contracts in order to reduce variability associated with the purchase price of approximately 9.7 million and 9.1 million MMBtu of natural gas, respectively.

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:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i> NU	<b>Amounts Recognized on Derivatives</b>			
	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<u>Balance Sheets:</u>				
Regulatory Assets and Liabilities	\$ (15.7)	\$ 0.3	\$ 149.9	\$ 48.8
<u>Statements of Income:</u>				
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	-	0.2	-	0.9

#### Valuation of Derivative Instruments

Derivative contracts classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy relate to the financial contracts for natural gas futures. Prices are obtained from broker quotes and are based on actual market activity. The contracts are valued using NYMEX natural gas prices. 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

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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 and NSTAR Electric'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 September 30, 2014			As of December 31, 2013		
		Range	Period Covered		Range	Period Covered
<u>Energy Prices:</u>						
NU	\$	66 - 68 per MWh	2018 - 2020	\$	49 - 77 per MWh	2018 - 2029
CL&P	\$	66 - 68 per MWh	2018 - 2020	\$	56 - 58 per MWh	2018 - 2029
<u>Capacity Prices:</u>						
NU	\$	7.03 - 12.98 per kW-Month	2016 - 2026	\$	5.07 - 11.82 per kW-Month	2017 - 2029
CL&P	\$	7.03 - 12.98 per kW-Month	2018 - 2026	\$	5.07 - 10.42 per kW-Month	2017 - 2026
NSTAR Electric	\$	11.00 - 11.10 per kW-Month	2016 - 2019	\$	5.07 - 7.38 per kW-Month	2017 - 2019
<u>Forward Reserve:</u>						
NU, CL&P	\$	5.80 - 9.50 per kW-Month	2014 - 2024	\$	3.30 - 3.30 per kW-Month	2014 - 2024
<u>REC Prices:</u>						
NU	\$	41 - 70 per REC	2014 - 2018	\$	36 - 87 per REC	2014 - 2029
NSTAR Electric	\$	41 - 70 per REC	2014 - 2018	\$	36 - 70 per REC	2014 - 2018

Exit price premiums of 8 percent through 25 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.

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*Valuations using significant unobservable inputs:* The following tables present changes 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.

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>NU</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>NU</b>
<u>Derivatives, Net:</u>				
Fair Value as of Beginning of Period	\$ (430.9)	\$ (788.1)	\$ (635.2)	\$ (878.6)
Net Realized/Unrealized Gains				
Included in:				
Net Income	-	1.2	-	8.3
Regulatory Assets and Liabilities	(13.6)	0.8	147.6	49.6
Settlements	21.0	21.3	64.1	55.9
Fair Value as of End of Period	\$ (423.5)	\$ (764.8)	\$ (423.5)	\$ (764.8)

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>NSTAR Electric</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>NSTAR Electric</b>
<u>Derivatives, Net:</u>				
Fair Value as of Beginning of Period	\$ (424.6)	\$ (6.3)	\$ (775.8)	\$ (13.1)
Net Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses)				
Included in Regulatory Assets and Liabilities	(15.0)	1.4	(1.2)	0.5
Settlements	18.5	2.5	21.7	1.0
Fair Value as of End of Period	\$ (421.1)	\$ (2.4)	\$ (755.3)	\$ (11.6)

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>NSTAR Electric</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>NSTAR Electric</b>
<u>Derivatives, Net:</u>				
Fair Value as of Beginning of Period	\$ (630.6)	\$ (7.3)	\$ (866.2)	\$ (14.9)
Net Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses)				
Included in Regulatory Assets and Liabilities	149.4	0.9	45.1	0.6
Settlements	60.1	4.0	65.8	2.7
Fair Value as of End of Period	\$ (421.1)	\$ (2.4)	\$ (755.3)	\$ (11.6)

5.

**MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

NU maintains trusts to fund certain non-qualified executive benefits and WMECO maintains a spent nuclear fuel trust to fund WMECO's prior period spent nuclear fuel liability. These trusts 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.

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company elected to record mutual funds designated as available-for-sale at fair value and certain other equity investments as trading securities, with the changes in fair values recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. As of September 30, 2014, the mutual funds and equity investments were classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy and totaled \$58.2 million and \$24.4 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, the mutual funds were classified as Level 1 and totaled \$57.2 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, net losses of \$1.9 million and net gains of \$3 million, respectively, were recorded in Other Income, Net. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, net gains of \$1.9 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, were recorded in Other Income, Net. 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 and WMECO's available-for-sale securities. 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>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>		<b>Fair Value</b>
		<b>Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses</b>	
NU				
Debt Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 310.6	\$ 7.8	\$ (0.2)	\$ 318.2
Equity Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	160.9	71.1	-	232.0
WMECO				
Debt Securities <sup>(2)</sup>	58.1	0.1	(0.1)	58.1



(Millions of Dollars)	Amortized Cost	As of December 31, 2013		Fair Value
		Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains	Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses	
NU				
Debt Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 299.2	\$ 2.5	\$ (2.1)	\$ 299.6
Equity Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	163.6	60.5	-	224.1
WMECO				
Debt Securities <sup>(2)</sup>	57.9	-	-	57.9

(1)

NU's amounts include CYAPC's and YAEC's marketable securities held in nuclear decommissioning trusts of \$447.7 million and \$424 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, which are legally restricted and can only be used for the costs of decommissioning of the nuclear power plants owned by these companies. 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 statements of income. All of the equity securities accounted for as available-for-sale securities are held in the CYAPC and YAEC trusts.

(2)

Unrealized gains and losses on debt securities held by WMECO are recorded in Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets.

*Unrealized Losses and Other-than-Temporary Impairment:* There have been no significant unrealized losses, other-than-temporary impairments or credit losses for NU or WMECO. 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 NU's benefit trust, Other Long-Term Assets for WMECO, and offset in Other Long-Term Liabilities for CYAPC and YAEC. NU utilizes the specific identification basis method for the NU benefit trust and the average cost basis method for the WMECO 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 September 30, 2014, 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 47.6	\$ 47.6	\$ 21.9	\$ 22.1
One to five years	91.0	91.4	30.7	30.5
Six to ten years	65.6	67.5	1.4	1.4
Greater than ten years	106.4	111.7	4.1	4.1
Total Debt Securities	\$ 310.6	\$ 318.2	\$ 58.1	\$ 58.1

(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 As of		WMECO As of	
	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Level 1:				
Mutual Funds and Equities	\$ 314.6	\$ 281.3	\$ -	\$ -
Money Market Funds	27.1	32.9	4.4	10.9
Total Level 1	\$ 341.7	\$ 314.2	\$ 4.4	\$ 10.9
Level 2:				
U.S. Government Issued Debt Securities				
(Agency and Treasury)	\$ 56.5	\$ 61.4	\$ -	\$ 6.8
Corporate Debt Securities	61.2	53.6	14.1	15.1
Asset-Backed Debt Securities	37.9	30.4	14.3	9.0
Municipal Bonds	112.5	105.5	13.9	11.2
Other Fixed Income Securities	23.0	15.8	11.4	4.9
Total Level 2	\$ 291.1	\$ 266.7	\$ 53.7	\$ 47.0
Total Marketable Securities	\$ 632.8	\$ 580.9	\$ 58.1	\$ 57.9

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.

## 6.

**SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT**

*Credit Agreements and Commercial Paper Programs:* Effective July 23, 2014, NU parent, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas extended the expiration date of their joint \$1.45 billion revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. The revolving credit facility is to be used primarily to backstop NU parent's \$1.45 billion commercial paper program. The commercial paper program allows NU parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NU had \$964.5 million and \$1.01 billion, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under the NU parent commercial paper program, leaving \$485.5 million and \$435.5 million of available borrowing capacity as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 0.25 percent and 0.24 percent, respectively, which is generally based on A2/P2 rated commercial paper. As of September 30, 2014, there were intercompany loans from NU of \$105.4 million to CL&P, \$153.3 million to PSNH and \$13.2 million to WMECO. As of December 31, 2013, there were intercompany loans from NU of \$287.3 million to CL&P and \$86.5 million to PSNH.

Effective July 23, 2014, NSTAR Electric extended the expiration date of its \$450 million revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. This facility serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's existing \$450 million commercial paper program. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric had \$159.5 million and \$103.5 million, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$290.5 million and \$346.5 million of available borrowing capacity as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 0.16 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively, which is generally based on A2/P1 rated commercial paper.

Amounts outstanding under the commercial paper programs are generally included in Notes Payable for NU and NSTAR Electric and classified in current liabilities on the balance sheets as all borrowings are outstanding for no more than 364 days at one time. Intercompany loans from NU to CL&P, PSNH and WMECO are included in Notes Payable to NU Parent and classified in current liabilities on the balance sheets.

*Long-Term Debt:* 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 \$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. As the debt issuance refinanced short-term debt, the short-term debt was classified as Long-Term Debt on NU's balance sheet as of December 31, 2013.

On March 7, 2014, NSTAR Electric issued \$300 million of 4.40 percent debentures, due to mature in 2044. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay the \$300 million of 4.875 percent debentures that matured on April 15, 2014.

On April 24, 2014, CL&P issued \$250 million of 4.30 percent 2014 Series A First Mortgage Bonds, due to mature in 2044. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay short-term borrowings.

On July 15, 2014, PSNH repaid at maturity the \$50 million of 5.25 percent Series L First Mortgage Bonds using short-term borrowings.

On September 15, 2014, CL&P repaid at maturity the \$150 million of 4.80 percent 2004 Series A First Mortgage Bonds.

On October 14, 2014, PSNH issued \$75 million of first mortgage bonds at a yield of 3.144 percent that will mature on November 1, 2023. The first mortgage bonds are part of the same series of PSNH's existing 3.50 percent Series S First Mortgage Bonds that were initially issued in November 2013. As a result, the aggregate principal amount of PSNH's outstanding Series S First Mortgage Bonds totals \$325 million. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay short-term borrowings. As the debt issuance refinanced short-term debt, the short-term debt was classified as Long-Term Debt on NU's balance sheet as of September 30, 2014.

On August 27, 2014, PURA approved CL&P's request to extend the authorization period for issuance of up to \$366.4 million in long-term debt from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

7.

## **PENSION BENEFITS AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS**

The components of net periodic benefit expense for the Pension, SERP and PBOP Plans are shown below. The net periodic benefit expense less the capitalized portion of pension and PBOP amounts is included in Operations and Maintenance on the statements of income. Capitalized pension and PBOP amounts relate to employees working on capital projects and are included in Property, Plant and Equipment, Net. Intercompany allocations are not included in the CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO net periodic benefit expense amounts.



<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Pension and SERP</b>				<b>Pension and SERP</b>			
	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>		<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>	
Service Cost	\$	19.1	\$	25.6	\$	60.7	\$	76.7
Interest Cost		56.4		51.7		169.5		155.0
Expected Return on Plan Assets		(77.7)		(69.5)		(233.1)		(208.5)
Actuarial Loss		31.7		52.4		96.5		158.1
Prior Service Cost		1.1		1.1		3.3		3.0
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense	\$	30.6	\$	61.3	\$	96.9	\$	184.3
Capitalized Pension Expense	\$	8.3	\$	18.3	\$	26.7	\$	54.9

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>PBOP</b>				<b>PBOP</b>			
	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>		<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>		<b>NU</b>	
Service Cost	\$	3.1	\$	4.2	\$	9.3	\$	12.6
Interest Cost		12.4		11.8		37.1		35.4
Expected Return on Plan Assets		(15.8)		(13.9)		(47.4)		(41.6)
Actuarial Loss		3.0		6.5		9.1		19.5
Prior Service Credit		(0.7)		(0.5)		(2.1)		(1.5)
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense	\$	2.0	\$	8.1	\$	6.0	\$	24.4
Capitalized PBOP Expense	\$	1.1	\$	2.6	\$	1.9	\$	7.6

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Pension and SERP</b>															
	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>											
	<b>2014</b>				<b>2013</b>											
	<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>											
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>								
Service Cost	\$	5.0	\$	3.0	\$	2.3	\$	0.8	\$	6.3	\$	8.3		3.3	\$	1.2
Interest Cost		12.5		10.3		5.7		2.5		12.1		14.5		5.8		2.5
Expected Return on Plan Assets		(18.7)		(15.7)		(9.3)		(4.4)		(18.4)		(21.1)		(9.2)		(4.3)
Actuarial Loss		8.2		5.9		2.8		1.7		13.9		14.4		5.4		2.9
Prior Service Cost		0.4		-		0.1		0.1		0.4		-		0.1		0.1
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense	\$	7.4	\$	3.5	\$	1.6	\$	0.7	\$	14.3	\$	16.1	\$	5.4	\$	2.4
	\$	6.5	\$	2.9	\$	1.8	\$	1.2	\$	11.4	\$	(2.1)	\$	2.6	\$	2.0

Intercompany Allocations Capitalized Pension Expense	\$	4.3	\$	2.6	\$	0.7	\$	0.6	\$	7.0	\$	9.8	\$	1.7	\$	1.3
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**Pension and SERP**

**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014**      **For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013**

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>			
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>
Service Cost	\$ 15.2	\$ 10.6	\$ 7.4	\$ 2.7	\$ 18.7	\$ 24.8	\$ 9.8	\$ 3.5
Interest Cost	38.1	31.0	18.0	7.8	36.3	43.5	17.8	7.5
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(56.7)	(47.3)	(28.8)	(13.5)	(55.4)	(63.3)	(26.2)	(13.0)
Actuarial Loss	25.5	17.6	8.9	5.2	42.0	43.6	16.2	8.9
Prior Service Cost/(Credit)	1.4	-	0.5	0.3	1.4	(0.2)	0.4	0.3
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense	\$ 23.5	\$ 11.9	\$ 6.0	\$ 2.5	\$ 43.0	\$ 48.4	\$ 18.0	\$ 7.2
Intercompany Allocations	\$ 20.8	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.0	\$ 3.9	\$ 33.6	\$ (6.2)	\$ 7.8	\$ 6.0
Capitalized Pension Expense	\$ 13.6	\$ 5.5	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.0	\$ 21.0	\$ 21.6	\$ 5.6	\$ 3.9

**PBOP**

**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014**      **For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013**

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>NSTAR</b>				<b>NSTAR</b>			
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	
Service Cost	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.2	
Interest Cost	2.0	4.9	1.1	0.4	2.0	1.0	0.4	
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(2.6)	(6.5)	(1.4)	(0.6)	(2.5)	(1.3)	(0.6)	
Actuarial Loss/(Gain)	1.0	(0.1)	0.6	0.1	1.8	0.9	0.3	
Prior Service Credit	-	(0.5)	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense/(Income)	\$ 1.0	\$ (1.4)	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.0	\$ 2.2	\$ 1.2	\$ 0.3	
Intercompany Allocations	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.2	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.3	
Capitalized PBOP Expense/(Income)	\$ 0.5	\$ (0.5)	\$ 0.2	\$ -	\$ 1.3	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.3	





**PBOP****For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014****For the Nine Months Ended  
September 30, 2013**

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>NSTAR</b>						
	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>	<b>PSNH</b>	<b>WMECO</b>
Service Cost	\$ 1.7	\$ 2.3	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.3	\$ 2.6	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.5
Interest Cost	6.0	14.6	3.2	1.3	5.9	3.1	1.3
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(7.9)	(19.5)	(4.1)	(1.7)	(7.6)	(3.9)	(1.7)
Actuarial Loss/(Gain)	3.2	(0.4)	1.7	0.3	5.6	2.7	0.8
Prior Service Credit	-	(1.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense/(Income)	\$ 3.0	\$ (4.4)	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.2	\$ 6.5	\$ 3.6	\$ 0.9
Intercompany Allocations	\$ 3.1	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.6	\$ 5.3	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.0
Capitalized PBOP Expense/(Income)	\$ 1.5	\$ (1.5)	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.1	\$ 3.7	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.7

(1)

NSTAR Electric's pension amounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 do not include SERP expense.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the net periodic PBOP expense allocated to NSTAR Electric was \$1.2 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2013, the funded status of the NSTAR Pension Plan was recorded on NSTAR Electric's balance sheet while the total SERP obligation and PBOP Plan funded status were recorded on NSTAR Electric & Gas' balance sheet. As of December 31, 2013, all NSTAR employees were employed by NSTAR Electric & Gas. On January 1, 2014, NSTAR Electric & Gas was merged into NUSCO and, concurrently, all employees were transferred to the company they predominately provide services for: NUSCO, NSTAR Electric or NSTAR Gas. As a result of the employee transfers, the pension and PBOP assets and liabilities were attributed by participant and transferred to the respective company's balance sheets. This change had no impact on the income statement or net assets of NSTAR Electric or NU.

As of September 30, 2014, the liabilities associated with the Pension, SERP and PBOP plans for NSTAR Electric were \$83.4 million for the Pension Plan, \$3.6 million for the SERP Plans (\$0.4 million of which is included in other current liabilities) and \$55.6 million for the PBOP Plan. As of December 31, 2013, the liability associated with the

NSTAR Pension Plan for NSTAR Electric was \$118 million.

8.

## INCOME TAXES

In the third quarter of 2014, the Company recorded a reduction to its state credit carryforwards of \$11 million (CL&P \$10.1 million), net of tax, as a result of an update to reflect the amounts expired. Further, the Company decreased its valuation allowance reserve for state credits by \$22.3 million (all at CL&P), net of tax, to reflect the expiration of state credits in its recently filed return and the latest available data. These updates resulted in a net reduction in income tax expense of \$11.3 million (CL&P \$12.2 million).

9.

## 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.

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 September 30, 2014		As of December 31, 2013	
	Number of Sites	Reserve (in millions)	Number of Sites	Reserve (in millions)
NU	65	\$ 34.7	68	\$ 35.4
CL&P	16	4.0	18	3.4
NSTAR Electric	13	1.1	12	1.2
PSNH	13	5.3	15	5.4
WMECO	4	0.5	5	0.4

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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 \$29.8 million and \$31.4 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and relates primarily to the natural gas business segment.

**B.****Long-Term Contractual Arrangements**

The following is an update to the current status of long-term contractual arrangements set forth in Note 12B of the NU 2013 Form 10-K.

*Renewable Energy:* Renewable energy contracts include non-cancelable commitments under contracts of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO for the purchase of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities.

	<b>October - December</b>						
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>	<b>Total</b>
CL&P	\$ 20.0	\$ 60.7	\$ 66.1	\$ 67.0	\$ 67.7	\$ 717.0	\$ 998.5
NSTAR Electric	21.8	86.3	100.0	96.1	59.6	377.6	741.4
WMECO	-	-	2.4	2.4	2.4	28.9	36.1

**C.****Contractual Obligations - Yankee Companies**

*Spent Nuclear Fuel Litigation - DOE Phase II Damages* On November 15, 2013, the Court of Federal Claims issued an award to CYAPC for \$126.3 million, YAEC for \$73.3 million and MYAPC for \$35.8 million for lawsuits against the DOE seeking recovery of actual damages incurred in the years following 2001 and 2002 (DOE Phase II Damages). 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.

On March 28, 2014, CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC received payment of \$90 million, \$73.3 million and \$35.8 million, respectively, of the DOE Phase II Damages proceeds. On April 24, 2014, CYAPC received payment of the remaining \$36.3 million proceeds. On April 28, 2014, the Yankee Companies made the required informational filing with FERC in accordance with the process and methodology outlined in the 2013 FERC order. The Yankee Companies returned the DOE Phase II Damages proceeds to the member companies, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO, for the benefit of their respective customers, on June 1, 2014.

As of September 30, 2014, CL&P's refund obligation to customers of \$65.4 million was recorded as an offset to the deferred storm restoration costs regulatory asset, as directed by PURA. NSTAR Electric's, PSNH's and WMECO's refund obligation to customers of \$29.1 million, \$13.1 million and \$18.1 million, respectively, was recorded as a regulatory liability in each company's respective regulatory tracker mechanisms. Refunds to customers for these DOE proceeds began in the third quarter of 2014. For further information, see Note 2, "Regulatory Accounting," to the financial statements.

*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 U.S. Department of Justice was filed on November 18, 2013, and discovery has begun.

*DOE Phase I Damages - Proceeds Received* On September 17, 2014, in accordance with the MYAPC refund plan, MYAPC returned a portion of the DOE Phase I Damages proceeds to the member companies, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO, in the amount of \$3.2 million, \$1.1 million, \$1.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. These amounts reduced receivables at CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO.

**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 and the termination of an unregulated business, 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.

The following table summarizes NU's guarantees of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, as of September 30, 2014:

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Maximum Exposure (in millions)</b>	<b>Expiration Dates</b>
Various	Surety Bonds	\$ 64.3	2014 - 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>
Various	New England Hydro Companies' Long-Term Debt	\$ 2.0	Unspecified

NUSCO and RRR	Lease Payments for Vehicles and Real Estate	\$	15.3	2019 and 2024
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(1)

Surety bond expiration dates reflect termination dates, the majority of which will be renewed or extended.

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 Complaints**

*First Complaint:* On September 30, 2011, a complaint was filed jointly at FERC under Sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act (the "first complaint") by several New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates and other parties (the "Complainants"). The Complainants alleged that the base ROE of 11.14 percent that has been utilized since 2006 in the calculation of formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff by NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, was unjust and unreasonable and asserted that the rate was excessive due to changes in the capital markets. Complainants sought an order to reduce the base ROE prospectively from the date of a final FERC order (the "FERC order date"), and for the 15-month period October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012 (the "first complaint refund period"), and to require refunds. The FERC set the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful in August 2012.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision on the first complaint finding that the base ROE in effect during the first complaint refund period was not reasonable and recommended separate base ROEs for the first complaint refund period of 10.6 percent and for the period beginning when FERC issues its final decision (the "prospective period") of 9.7 percent, leaving policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC. In the third quarter of 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 first complaint refund period. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the third quarter of 2013.

On June 19, 2014, FERC issued an order on the first complaint, partially affirming and partially reversing the FERC ALJ's initial decision. FERC set a single tentative base ROE of 10.57 percent for the first complaint refund period and prospective period. FERC also modified its traditional methodology by adopting a two-step discounted cash flow analysis that it utilizes to determine the ROEs of both natural gas and oil pipeline projects. Using this methodology, FERC determined a new zone of reasonableness of 7.03 percent to 11.74 percent, and set the tentative base ROE halfway between the midpoint and the top of the zone of reasonableness. FERC also stated that a utility's total ROE, inclusive of transmission incentive ROE adders should not exceed the top of the new zone of reasonableness produced by this methodology. FERC instituted a paper hearing on the long-term growth rate portion of the methodology (the "paper hearing"). Rehearing requests on this new methodology were filed in July, and briefs were filed in August and September by the parties on the appropriate long-term growth rate. In the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded additional reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC's June 19<sup>th</sup> order. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

On October 16, 2014, the FERC issued an order in the paper hearing, which confirmed that the base ROE should be set at 10.57 percent and that a utility's total or maximum ROE should not exceed the top of the new zone of reasonableness (11.74 percent). The FERC ordered the NETOs to provide refunds to customers for the first complaint refund period, and set the new base ROE prospectively from the order date.



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*Second Complaint:* On December 27, 2012, a second complaint was filed jointly at FERC by several additional consumer groups and municipal parties (the "second complaint"), which challenged the NETOs' base ROE prospectively from the FERC order date and sought refunds for the 15-month period January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 (the "second complaint refund period").

On June 19, 2014, FERC issued an order finding that the second complaint raised issues of material fact. On July 21, 2014, the NETOs filed a rehearing request in this proceeding. On October 24, 2014, the FERC assigned the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful. The FERC ALJ has set a trial date beginning June 8, 2015, and will issue an initial decision on or before October 26, 2015. In the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC's June 19 order for the second complaint refund period. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

*Third Complaint:* On July 31, 2014, a third complaint was filed at FERC (the "third complaint") by most of the Complainants to the first and second complaints, claiming that the base ROE and incentive adders exceed the range of permissible ROEs, requesting FERC to reduce the NETOs' base ROE prospectively from the FERC order date, and seeking refunds for the 15-month period beginning August 1, 2014 (the "third complaint refund period"). FERC has taken no action on this complaint to date. At this time, the Company cannot determine the outcome of this complaint.

*Cumulative Reserves:* The following is a summary as of September 30, 2014 of the cumulative reserves (excluding interest) that the Company established in the third quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2014 to recognize the potential financial impacts of the first and second complaints. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the October 16<sup>th</sup> order on the previously established reserves.

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Third Quarter 2013</b>	<b>NU Second Quarter 2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	\$ 23.7	\$ 1.2	\$ 24.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	-	27.4	27.4
Incentive ROE (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint)	-	23.8	23.8
Cumulative Reserve	\$ 23.7	\$ 52.4	\$ 76.1

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Third Quarter 2013</b>	<b>CL&amp;P Second Quarter 2014</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>NUSTAR Electric Third Quarter 2013</b>	<b>Second Quarter 2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	\$ 12.8	\$ 0.5	\$ 13.3	\$ 5.7	\$ 0.4	\$ 6.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	-	13.5	13.5	-	7.5	7.5
	-	16.1	16.1	-	2.0	2.0

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Incentive ROE (1<sup>st</sup>  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> Complaint)

Cumulative Reserve \$	12.8	\$	30.1	\$	42.9	\$	5.7	\$	9.9	\$	15.6
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<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	PSNH			WMECO		
	Third Quarter 2013	Second Quarter 2014	Total	Third Quarter 2013	Second Quarter 2014	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Complaint - Base ROE \$	2.3	\$ 0.1	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 3.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	-	2.7	2.7	-	3.7	3.7
Incentive ROE (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint)	-	0.8	0.8	-	4.9	4.9
Cumulative Reserve \$	2.3	\$ 3.6	\$ 5.9	\$ 2.9	\$ 8.8	\$ 11.7

The aggregate after-tax charge to second quarter 2014 earnings resulting from the June 19, 2014 FERC orders totaled \$32.1 million at NU, \$18.5 million at CL&P, \$6.1 million at NSTAR Electric, \$2 million at PSNH and \$5.5 million at WMECO. In the third quarter of 2013, the aggregate after-tax charge to earnings totaled \$14.3 million at NU, \$7.7 million at CL&P, \$3.4 million at NSTAR Electric, \$1.4 million at PSNH and \$1.8 million at WMECO.

## F.

### 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.

**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.

**10.**

**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 and Long-Term Debt:* 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 long-term debt securities 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. 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:

**As of September 30, 2014**  
**NU**

**As of December 31, 2013**  
**NU**

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<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption	\$ 155.6	\$ 151.0	\$ 155.6	\$ 152.7
Long-Term Debt	8,412.6	8,876.3	8,310.2	8,443.1

<b>As of September 30, 2014</b>								
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>CL&amp;P</b>		<b>NSTAR Electric</b>		<b>PSNH</b>		<b>WMECO</b>	
	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption	\$ 116.2	\$ 110.1	\$ 43.0	\$ 40.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long-Term Debt	2,841.8	3,189.5	1,797.4	1,959.4	999.2	1,046.4	628.7	667.4

(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

*Derivative Instruments:* Derivative instruments are carried at fair value. For further information, see Note 4, "Derivative Instruments," to the financial statements.

*Other Financial Instruments:* Investments in marketable securities are carried at fair value. For further information, see Note 5, "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.

See Note 1D, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," for the fair value measurement policy and the fair value hierarchy.

## 11.

### ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) by component, net of tax, is as follows:

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
Unrealized Pension, Gains/(Losses)	Unrealized Pension, Gains/(Losses)

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	Qualified				SERP and			
	Cash Flow Hedging Instruments	on Available-for-Sale Securities	PBOP Benefit Plans	Total	Cash Flow Hedging Instruments	on Available-for-Sale Securities	PBOP Benefit Plans	Total
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>								
AOCI as of Beginning of Period	\$ (14.4)	\$ 0.4	\$ (32.0)	\$ (46.0)	\$ (16.4)	\$ 1.3	\$ (57.8)	\$ (72.9)
OCI Before Reclassifications	-	0.2	1.2	1.4	-	(0.8)	-	(0.8)
Amounts Reclassified from AOCI	1.5	-	2.9	4.4	1.5	-	4.8	6.3
Net OCI	1.5	0.2	4.1	5.8	1.5	(0.8)	4.8	5.5
AOCI as of End of Period	\$ (12.9)	\$ 0.6	\$ (27.9)	\$ (40.2)	\$ (14.9)	\$ 0.5	\$ (53.0)	\$ (67.4)

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 following table sets forth the amounts reclassified from AOCI by component and the impacted line item on the statements of income:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,				Statements of Income Line Item Impacted
	Amounts Reclassified from AOCI		Amounts Reclassified from AOCI		Amounts Reclassified from AOCI		Amounts Reclassified from AOCI		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>									
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments	\$ (0.8)	\$ (0.8)	\$ (2.5)	\$ (2.5)			Interest Expense		
Tax Benefit	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0			Income Tax Expense		
Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments, Net of Tax	\$ (0.5)	\$ (0.5)	\$ (1.5)	\$ (1.5)					
Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs:									
Amortization of Actuarial Losses	\$ (1.6)	\$ (2.5)	\$ (4.7)	\$ (7.3)			Operations and Maintenance <sup>(1)</sup>		

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Amortization of Prior Service Cost	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)	Operations and Maintenance <sup>(1)</sup>
Total Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs	(1.6)	(2.5)	(4.8)	(7.4)	
Tax Benefit	0.6	0.9	1.9	2.6	Income Tax Expense
Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plan Costs, Net of Tax	\$ (1.0)	\$ (1.6)	\$ (2.9)	\$ (4.8)	
Total Amounts Reclassified from AOCI, Net of Tax	\$ (1.5)	\$ (2.1)	\$ (4.4)	\$ (6.3)	

(1)

These amounts are included in the computation of net periodic Pension, SERP and PBOP costs. See Note 7, "Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions," for further information.



12.

**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:

	Per Share Par Value	Shares		
		Authorized as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013	Issued as of September 30, 2014	Issued as of December 31, 2013
NU	\$ 5	380,000,000	333,353,446	333,113,492
CL&P	\$ 10	24,500,000	6,035,205	6,035,205
NSTAR Electric	\$ 1	100,000,000	100	100
PSNH	\$ 1	100,000,000	301	301
WMECO	\$ 25	1,072,471	434,653	434,653

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were 16,730,815 and 17,796,672 NU common shares held as treasury shares, respectively. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NU common shares outstanding were 316,622,631 and 315,273,559, respectively.

13.

**COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS**

A summary of the changes in Common Shareholders' Equity and Noncontrolling Interests of NU is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended			
	September 30, 2014		September 30, 2013	
	Common Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries	Common Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>				
Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 9,753.8	\$ 155.6	\$ 9,406.6	\$ 155.6
Net Income	236.5	-	211.4	-
Dividends on Common Shares	(124.2)	-	(114.9)	-
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(1.9)	(1.9)	(1.9)	(1.9)
Issuance of Common Shares	1.0	-	1.4	-
Other Transactions, Net	24.1	-	12.8	-

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Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	-	1.9	-	1.9
Other Comprehensive Income	1.3	-	2.1	-
Balance as of End of Period	\$ 9,890.6	\$ 155.6	\$ 9,517.5	\$ 155.6

	For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2014		September 30, 2013	
	Common Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries	Common Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest - Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>				
Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 9,611.5	\$ 155.6	\$ 9,237.1	\$ 155.6
Net Income	603.6	-	614.4	-
Dividends on Common Shares	(372.2)	-	(346.9)	-
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(5.6)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(5.8)
Issuance of Common Shares	6.4	-	10.2	-
Other Transactions, Net	41.0	-	3.0	-
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	-	5.6	-	5.8
Other Comprehensive Income	5.9	-	5.5	-
Balance as of End of Period	\$ 9,890.6	\$ 155.6	\$ 9,517.5	\$ 155.6

14.

**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 of certain share-based compensation awards as if they were converted into common shares. There were no antidilutive share awards outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 or for the three months ended September 30, 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, there were 2,100 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>	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>September 30, 2013</b>	<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>September 30, 2013</b>
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$ 234.6	\$ 209.5	\$ 597.9	\$ 608.6
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	316,340,691	315,291,346	315,941,904	315,191,752
Dilutive Effect	1,214,234	926,893	1,244,586	869,379
Diluted	317,554,925	316,218,239	317,186,490	316,061,131
Basic and Diluted EPS	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.66	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.93

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).

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**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 three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. 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 unregulated 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 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.

NU's segment information is as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014</b>					
	<b>Electric</b>	<b>Natural</b>				
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Transmission</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,502.6	\$ 109.2	\$ 262.5	\$ 211.2	\$ (193.0)	\$ 1,892.5
Depreciation and Amortization	(71.7)	(16.4)	(37.4)	(13.8)	8.6	(130.7)
Other Operating Expenses	(1,141.5)	(98.4)	(74.2)	(192.4)	185.6	(1,320.9)
Operating Income/(Loss)	289.4	(5.6)	150.9	5.0	1.2	440.9
Interest Expense	(49.2)	(8.5)	(24.5)	(8.6)	1.0	(89.8)
Other Income, Net	9.3	0.1	2.7	226.4	(226.6)	11.9

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Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$	153.4	\$	(9.9)	\$	88.1	\$	228.3	\$	(225.3)	\$	234.6
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## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	Electric		Natural Gas		Other	Eliminations	Total
	Distribution	Distribution	Transmission				
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,350.4	\$ 737.5	\$ 721.4	\$ 568.1	\$ (516.7)	\$ 5,860.7	
Depreciation and Amortization	(309.9)	(51.1)	(111.4)	(28.3)	12.7	(488.0)	
Other Operating Expenses	(3,343.9)	(586.2)	(211.5)	(534.1)	505.6	(4,170.1)	
Operating Income	696.6	100.2	398.5	5.7	1.6	1,202.6	
Interest Expense	(143.8)	(25.6)	(78.8)	(27.2)	3.2	(272.2)	
Other Income, Net	13.6	0.2	6.9	657.9	(659.5)	19.1	
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$ 349.1	\$ 44.2	\$ 206.8	\$ 653.4	\$ (655.6)	\$ 597.9	
Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant	\$ 480.1	\$ 120.6	\$ 469.9	\$ 46.9	\$ -	\$ 1,117.5	

## For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	Electric		Natural Gas		Other	Eliminations	Total
	Distribution	Distribution	Transmission				
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,508.6	\$ 97.1	\$ 234.1	\$ 212.5	\$ (159.7)	\$ 1,892.6	
Depreciation and Amortization	(159.6)	(16.4)	(34.5)	(11.2)	2.6	(219.1)	
Other Operating Expenses	(1,064.1)	(89.4)	(73.4)	(206.8)	159.5	(1,274.2)	
Operating Income/(Loss)	284.9	(8.7)	126.2	(5.5)	2.4	399.3	
Interest Expense	(44.3)	(8.6)	(26.6)	(9.2)	1.2	(87.5)	
Other Income, Net	5.5	0.5	2.9	312.1	(312.1)	8.9	
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$ 156.9	\$ (10.4)	\$ 58.6	\$ 313.1	\$ (308.7)	\$ 209.5	

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	Electric		Natural Gas		Other	Eliminations	Total
	Distribution	Distribution	Transmission				
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,104.4	\$ 613.0	\$ 721.5	\$ 650.4	\$ (565.8)	\$ 5,523.5	
Depreciation and Amortization	(488.7)	(50.5)	(100.9)	(52.0)	7.2	(684.9)	
Other Operating Expenses	(2,952.4)	(483.6)	(199.1)	(599.0)	564.3	(3,669.8)	
Operating Income/(Loss)	663.3	78.9	421.5	(0.6)	5.7	1,168.8	
Interest Expense	(129.9)	(24.8)	(73.7)	(26.3)	4.1	(250.6)	
Other Income, Net	12.6	0.7	8.5	866.2	(866.3)	21.7	
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest	\$ 347.5	\$ 34.1	\$ 215.4	\$ 868.7	\$ (857.1)	\$ 608.6	

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Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant	\$	501.9	\$	91.2	\$	458.2	\$	22.5	\$	-	\$	1,073.8
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The following table summarizes NU's segmented total assets:

	<b>Electric</b>	<b>Natural</b>					
	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Transmission</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>							
As of September 30, 2014	\$ 16,702.3	\$ 2,801.1	\$ 7,404.5	\$ 12,270.2	\$ (11,195.8)	\$ 27,982.3	
As of December 31, 2013	17,260.0	2,759.7	6,745.8	11,842.4	(10,812.4)	27,795.5	

## NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related combined notes included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the First and Second Quarter 2014 Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. References in this Form 10-Q 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 unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of NU, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the unaudited condensed 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 combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q 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 period. The discussion below also includes non-GAAP financial measures referencing our third quarter and first nine months of 2014 and 2013 earnings and EPS excluding certain integration costs related to NU's merger with NSTAR. 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 third quarter and first nine months of 2014 and 2013 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" and "Financial Condition and Business Analysis Overview Regulated Companies" in *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, herein.



*Forward-Looking Statements:* 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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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,

changes in accounting standards and financial reporting regulations,

actions of rating agencies, and

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 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in NU's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and NU's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K also describe material contingencies and critical accounting policies in the accompanying *Management's Discussion and*

*Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Combined Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).* We encourage you to review these items.

## **Financial Condition and Business Analysis**

### Executive Summary

The following items in this executive summary are explained in more detail in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

#### *Results:*

We earned \$234.6 million, or \$0.74 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and \$597.9 million, or \$1.89 per share, in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$209.5 million, or \$0.66 per share, in the third quarter of 2013 and \$608.6 million, or \$1.93 per share, in the first nine months of 2013. Excluding integration costs, we earned \$237.6 million, or \$0.75 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and \$611.3 million, or \$1.93 per share, in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$216.5 million, or \$0.69 per share, in the third quarter of 2013, and \$619.2 million, or \$1.96 per share, in the first nine months of 2013.

Our electric distribution segment, which includes generation, earned \$153.4 million, or \$0.48 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and \$349.1 million, or \$1.10 per share, in the first nine months of 2014, compared with earnings of \$156.9 million, or \$0.50 per share, in the third quarter of 2013 and \$347.5 million, or \$1.10 per share, in the first nine months of 2013.

Our transmission segment earned \$88.1 million, or \$0.28 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and \$206.8 million, or \$0.65 per share, in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$58.6 million, or \$0.18 per share, in the third quarter of 2013 and \$215.4 million, or \$0.68 per share, in the first nine months of 2013. The increase in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, was due primarily to the absence of an after-tax reserve of \$14.3 million recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaint. The decrease in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, was due primarily to the after-tax reserve of \$32.1 million recorded for the June 2014 FERC ROE orders, as compared to the \$14.3 million

reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013.

Our natural gas distribution segment had a net loss of \$9.9 million, or \$0.03 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and earnings of \$44.2 million, or \$0.14 per share, in the first nine months of 2014, compared with a net loss of \$10.4 million, or \$0.03 per share, in the third quarter of 2013 and earnings of \$34.1 million, or \$0.11 per share, in the first nine months of 2013.

NU parent and other companies earned \$3 million, or \$0.01 per share, in the third quarter of 2014 and had a net loss of \$2.2 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with earnings of \$4.4 million, or \$0.01 per share, in the third quarter of 2013 and \$11.6 million, or \$0.04 per share, in the first nine months of 2013. Third quarter and first nine months 2014 results reflect \$3 million and \$13.4 million, respectively, of after-tax integration costs. Third quarter and first nine months 2013 results reflect \$7 million and \$10.6 million, respectively, of after-tax integration costs.

*Legislative, Regulatory and Other Items:*

On September 16, 2014, NU and Spectra Energy Corp announced Access Northeast, a natural gas pipeline expansion project. Access Northeast will enhance the Algonquin and Maritimes pipeline systems using existing routes. NU and Spectra Energy Corp will have equal ownership interest in the project. The total project cost, subject to FERC approval, is expected to be approximately \$3 billion and has an anticipated in-service date of November 2018.

On October 16, 2014, the FERC issued an order on the base ROE complaint filed by several parties in September 2011. The FERC order confirmed that the base ROE should be set at 10.57 percent and that a utility's total or maximum ROE inclusive of transmission incentive ROE adders should not exceed the top of the new zone of reasonableness (11.74 percent).

In October 2014, the NHPUC concluded its hearings in the Clean Air Project prudence review to determine the prudent costs of PSNH's compliance with the law requiring scrubber installation. The NHPUC is expected to issue a decision on this matter by the end of 2014.

*Liquidity:*

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Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$41.7 million as of September 30, 2014, compared with \$43.4 million as of December 31, 2013, while investments in property, plant and equipment totaled \$1.1 billion in both the first nine months of 2014 and 2013.

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Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$1.4 billion in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$1.2 billion in the first nine months of 2013. The improved operating cash flows were due primarily to approximately \$132 million in DOE Damages proceeds resulting from the spent nuclear fuel litigation received by CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO from the Yankee Companies, the absence of cash disbursements for major storm restoration costs and the decrease of approximately \$264 million in Pension and PBOP Plan cash contributions, partially offset by changes in the timing of working capital items and higher income tax payments in 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013.

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In the first nine months of 2014, we issued \$650 million of new long-term debt consisting of \$100 million by Yankee Gas on January 2, 2014, \$300 million by NSTAR Electric on March 7, 2014, and \$250 million by CL&P on April 24, 2014. Proceeds from these new issuances were used to repay approximately \$525 million of existing long-term debt with remaining proceeds used to pay short-term borrowings.

In the first nine months of 2014, we had cash dividends on common shares of \$356.1 million, compared with \$341.7 million in the first nine months of 2013. On September 30, 2014, we paid a common dividend of \$0.3925 per share, which was approved by our Board of Trustees on September 2, 2014, to shareholders of record as of September 15, 2014.

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 the third quarter and first nine months of 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
(Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts)	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest (GAAP)	\$ 234.6	\$ 0.74	\$ 209.5	\$ 0.66	\$ 597.9	\$ 1.89	\$ 608.6	\$ 1.93
Regulated Companies	\$ 231.6	\$ 0.73	\$ 205.1	\$ 0.65	\$ 600.1	\$ 1.89	\$ 597.0	\$ 1.89
NU Parent and Other Companies	6.0	0.02	11.4	0.04	11.2	0.04	22.2	0.07
Non-GAAP Earnings	237.6	0.75	216.5	0.69	611.3	1.93	619.2	1.96
Integration Costs (after-tax)	(3.0)	(0.01)	(7.0)	(0.03)	(13.4)	(0.04)	(10.6)	(0.03)
Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interest (GAAP)	\$ 234.6	\$ 0.74	\$ 209.5	\$ 0.66	\$ 597.9	\$ 1.89	\$ 608.6	\$ 1.93

Excluding the impact of integration costs, our third quarter 2014 earnings increased by \$21.1 million, as compared to the third quarter of 2013. The increase was due primarily to lower operations and maintenance costs that impact earnings, which were primarily driven by lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and the absence of an after-tax reserve of \$14.3 million recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaint. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were higher property taxes, higher depreciation expense and lower retail electric sales volumes as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013.

Excluding the impact of integration costs, our first nine months 2014 earnings decreased by \$7.9 million, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to the absence in 2014 of a favorable impact from the resolution of a state income tax audit in the first quarter of 2013, net of the favorable impact of a reduction in valuation allowance for state credits in the third quarter of 2014. Earnings were also unfavorably impacted by the after-tax reserve of \$32.1 million related to the second quarter 2014 FERC ROE orders, as compared to the \$14.3 million reserve related to the third quarter 2013 FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues – FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*. In addition, earnings decreased due to higher depreciation expense at our regulated companies, higher property taxes and lower retail electric sales volumes as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013. Earnings were favorably impacted by lower operations and maintenance costs that impact earnings, which were primarily driven by lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and lower storm restoration costs, as well as higher firm natural gas sales volumes as a result of the colder weather in the first quarter of 2014, as compared to the first quarter of 2013.

*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 and EPS for the third quarter and first nine months of 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

(Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share
Electric Distribution	\$ 153.4	\$ 0.48	\$ 156.9	\$ 0.50	\$ 349.1	\$ 1.10	\$ 347.5	\$ 1.10
Transmission	88.1	0.28	58.6	0.18	206.8	0.65	215.4	0.68
Natural Gas Distribution	(9.9)	(0.03)	(10.4)	(0.03)	44.2	0.14	34.1	0.11
Regulated Companies	\$ 231.6	\$ 0.73	\$ 205.1	\$ 0.65	\$ 600.1	\$ 1.89	\$ 597.0	\$ 1.89

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Our electric distribution segment earnings decreased \$3.5 million in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the third quarter of 2013, due primarily to a 4.5 percent decrease in retail electric sales volumes as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014, higher depreciation expense and higher property taxes, partially offset by lower operations and maintenance costs that impact earnings, which were primarily driven by lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and lower vegetation management costs, all as compared to the same period in 2013.

Our electric distribution segment earnings increased \$1.6 million in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to lower operations and maintenance costs that impact earnings, which were primarily driven by lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and lower storm restoration costs. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were higher depreciation expense, higher property taxes, lower retail electric sales volumes as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014, and the absence in 2014 of regulatory interest income from stranded cost recoveries in 2013, all as compared to the same period in 2013.



Our transmission segment earnings increased \$29.5 million in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the third quarter of 2013, due primarily to the absence of the after-tax reserve of \$14.3 million recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaint, a decrease in transmission segment state income tax expense, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and a higher transmission rate base as a result of an increased investment in our transmission infrastructure.

Our transmission segment earnings decreased \$8.6 million in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to the after-tax reserve of \$32.1 million recorded for the June 2014 FERC ROE orders, as compared to the \$14.3 million reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. These unfavorable impacts were partially offset by a decrease in transmission segment state income tax expense, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and a higher transmission rate base as a result of an increased investment in our transmission infrastructure.

Our natural gas distribution segment results improved by \$0.5 million in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the third quarter of 2013, due primarily to higher peak demand revenues and higher firm natural gas sales volumes resulting from additional natural gas heating customers.

Our natural gas distribution segment earnings increased \$10.1 million in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to higher firm natural gas sales volumes and peak demand revenues resulting from colder weather in the first quarter of 2014 and additional natural gas heating customers.

A summary of our retail electric GWh sales volumes and percentage changes, as well as percentage changes in CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO retail electric GWh sales volumes, is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013			For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013		
	Sales Volumes (GWh)			Sales Volumes (GWh)		
	2014	2013	Percentage Decrease	2014	2013	Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>NU Electric</b>						
Residential	5,656	6,102	(7.3)%	16,306	16,625	(1.9)%
Commercial	7,382	7,616	(3.1)%	20,838	21,064	(1.1)%
Industrial	1,517	1,529	(0.8)%	4,295	4,265	0.7 %
Total	14,555	15,247	(4.5)%	41,439	41,954	(1.2)%

<i>Percentage Increase/(Decrease)</i>	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013				For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013			
	CL&P	NSTAR Electric	PSNH	WMECO	CL&P	NSTAR Electric	PSNH	WMECO
<b>Electric</b>								

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Residential	(8.2)%	(6.6)%	(5.2)%	(9.2)%	(2.0)%	(2.4)%	(0.3)%	(2.6)%
Commercial	(3.3)%	(2.9)%	(2.6)%	(4.3)%	(1.1)%	(1.2)%	(0.4)%	(1.7)%
Industrial	(1.3)%	2.2 %	(1.5)%	(3.5)%	1.9 %	(0.4)%	1.5 %	(3.0)%
Total	(5.3)%	(3.8)%	(3.4)%	(6.2)%	(1.2)%	(1.5)%	- %	(2.3)%

A summary of our firm natural gas sales volumes in million cubic feet and percentage changes, as well as percentage changes in Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013			For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013		
	Sales Volumes (million cubic feet)		Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)	Sales Volumes (million cubic feet)		Percentage Increase
NU Firm Natural Gas	2014	2013		2014	2013	
Residential	2,487	2,407	3.3 %	27,468	24,392	12.6%
Commercial	4,565	4,673	(2.3)%	31,032	28,066	10.6%
Industrial	4,276	4,093	4.4 %	16,669	15,588	6.9%
Total	11,328	11,173	1.4 %	75,169	68,046	10.5%
Total, Net of Special Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	10,200	10,155	0.4 %	71,645	64,815	10.5%

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to 2013	
	Sales Volumes (million cubic feet)		Sales Volumes (million cubic feet)	
Percentage Increase/(Decrease) Firm Natural Gas	Yankee Gas	NSTAR Gas	Yankee Gas	NSTAR Gas
Residential	(0.6)%	6.3 %	14.0%	11.6%
Commercial	1.7 %	(6.2)%	14.0%	7.5%
Industrial	4.6 %	4.0 %	7.3%	5.9%
Total	2.8 %	(0.5)%	11.8%	9.1%
Total, Net of Special Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	1.3 %		12.1%	

(1)

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.



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.

For the third quarter of 2014, our consolidated retail electric sales volumes, consisting of the retail electric sales volumes of CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO, were lower, as compared to the same period in 2013, as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014. The third quarter of 2014 cooling degree days were 12 percent lower in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 15 percent lower in the Boston metropolitan area, and 24 percent lower in New Hampshire, as compared to the third quarter of 2013. Weather-normalized retail electric sales volumes (based on 30-year average temperatures) decreased 2.3 percent in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the third quarter of 2013. We believe the decrease was due primarily to increased conservation efforts by our residential and commercial customer classes, which are driven by the energy efficiency programs sponsored by CL&P, NSTAR Electric and WMECO.

For the first nine months of 2014, our consolidated retail electric sales volumes were lower, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to cooler summer weather in 2014, partially offset by colder weather in the first quarter of 2014. The first nine months of 2014 cooling degree days were 14 percent lower in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, 16 percent lower in the Boston metropolitan area, and 24 percent lower in New Hampshire, as compared to the first nine months of 2013. Weather-normalized retail electric sales volumes decreased 0.9 percent in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013. We believe the decrease was due primarily to an increase in customer conservation efforts as noted above.

For WMECO, fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes 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 firm natural gas sales are subject to many of the same influences as our retail electric sales. In addition, they have benefitted from historically favorable natural gas prices and customer growth across both operating companies. In the third quarter and first nine months of 2014, consolidated firm natural gas sales volumes, consisting of the firm natural gas sales volumes of Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, were higher, as compared to the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, due primarily to colder weather in the first quarter of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, and increased customer growth in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013. The third quarter and first nine months of 2014 weather-normalized NU consolidated total firm natural gas sales volumes increased 1 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2013.

*NU Parent and Other Companies:* NU parent and other companies, which includes our unregulated businesses, earned \$3 million and had a net loss of \$2.2 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2014, respectively, compared with earnings of \$4.4 million and \$11.6 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively. Excluding the impact of integration costs, NU parent and other companies earned \$6 million and \$11.2 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2014, respectively, compared with \$11.4 million and \$22.2 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively. The earnings decrease for the first nine months of 2014 was due primarily to the absence in 2014 of the favorable impact from the resolution of the Connecticut state income tax audit, which provided a \$5.8 million earnings benefit to the first nine months of 2013.

### Liquidity

*Consolidated:* Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$41.7 million as of September 30, 2014, compared with \$43.4 million as of December 31, 2013.

On July 15, 2014, PSNH repaid at maturity the \$50 million of 5.25 percent Series L First Mortgage Bonds using short-term borrowings.

On September 15, 2014, CL&P repaid at maturity the \$150 million of 4.80 percent 2004 Series A First Mortgage Bonds.

On October 14, 2014, PSNH issued \$75 million of first mortgage bonds at a yield of 3.144 percent that will mature on November 1, 2023. The first mortgage bonds are part of the same series of PSNH's existing 3.50 percent Series S First Mortgage Bonds that were initially issued in November 2013. As a result, the aggregate principal amount of PSNH's outstanding Series S First Mortgage Bonds totals \$325 million. The proceeds, net of issuance costs, were used to repay short-term borrowings.

On August 27, 2014, PURA approved CL&P's request to extend the authorization period for issuance of up to \$366.4 million in long-term debt from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Effective July 23, 2014, NU parent, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas extended the expiration date of their joint \$1.45 billion revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. The revolving credit facility is to be used primarily to backstop NU parent's \$1.45 billion commercial paper program. The commercial paper program allows NU parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NU had \$964.5 million and \$1.01 billion, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under the NU parent commercial paper program, leaving \$485.5 million and \$435.5 million of available borrowing capacity as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 0.25 percent and 0.24 percent,

respectively, which is generally based on A2/P2 rated commercial paper. As of September 30, 2014, there were intercompany loans from NU of \$105.4 million to CL&P, \$153.3 million to PSNH and \$13.2 million to WMECO. As of December 31, 2013, there were intercompany loans from NU of \$287.3 million to CL&P and \$86.5 million to PSNH.

Effective July 23, 2014, NSTAR Electric extended the expiration date of its \$450 million revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. This facility serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's existing \$450 million commercial paper program. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric had \$159.5 million and \$103.5 million, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$290.5 million and \$346.5 million of available borrowing capacity as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 0.16 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively, which is generally based on A2/P1 rated commercial paper.

Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$1.4 billion in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$1.2 billion in the first nine months of 2013. The improved operating cash flows were due primarily to approximately \$132 million in DOE Damages proceeds resulting from the spent nuclear fuel litigation received by CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO from the Yankee Companies, the absence of cash disbursements for major storm restoration costs and the decrease of approximately \$264 million in Pension and PBOP Plan cash contributions, partially offset by changes in the timing of working capital items and income tax payments of \$256 million for the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$34 million for the same period in 2013. For further information on the spent nuclear fuel litigation, see Note 9C, "Commitments and Contingencies Contractual Obligations Yankee Companies," in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

In the first nine months of 2014, we had cash dividends on common shares of \$356.1 million, compared with \$341.7 million in the first nine months of 2013. On September 30, 2014, we paid a common dividend of \$0.3925 per share, which was approved by our Board of Trustees on September 2, 2014, to shareholders of record as of September 15, 2014.

In the first nine months of 2014, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO paid \$128.4 million, \$253 million, \$49.5 million, and \$49 million, respectively, in common dividends to NU parent.

Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment on the 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. In the first nine months of 2014, investments for NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO were \$1.1 billion, \$371.7 million, \$309.2 million, \$170.1 million, and \$82.5 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 \$1.1 billion in the first nine months of both 2014 and 2013. These amounts included \$40.9 million and \$14.7 million in the first nine months of 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to our corporate service companies, NUSCO and RRR.

*Access Northeast:* On September 16, 2014, NU and Spectra Energy Corp announced Access Northeast, a natural gas pipeline expansion project. Access Northeast will enhance the Algonquin and Maritimes pipeline systems using existing routes and is expected to be capable of delivering approximately one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to New England. NU and Spectra Energy Corp will have equal ownership interest in the project with the option of additional investors joining in the future. The total project cost, subject to FERC approval, is expected to be approximately \$3 billion and has an anticipated in-service date of November 2018.

**Transmission Business:** Overall, transmission business capital expenditures increased by \$33.5 million in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013. A summary of transmission capital expenditures by company for the first nine months of 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
		<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>
CL&P	\$	201.5	\$	133.5
NSTAR Electric		111.1		140.0
PSNH		76.9		58.0
WMECO		50.1		62.0
NPT		19.4		32.0
Total Transmission Segment	\$	459.0	\$	425.5

*NEEWS:* GSRP, the first, largest and most complicated project within the NEEWS family of projects was fully energized on November 20, 2013. As of September 30, 2014, CL&P and WMECO had placed \$640 million in service with minimal remaining close-out activities continuing throughout the remainder of 2014.

The Interstate Reliability Project (IRP) is the second major NEEWS project. It 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 in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. As of May 2014, all three states have issued siting approvals. The Army Corps of Engineers issued its permit on the project (the last required project permit) in the first quarter of 2014. Project construction is underway in all three states. NU's portion of the cost is estimated to be \$218 million and construction on its portion of the project was approximately 62 percent complete as of September 30, 2014.

The Greater Hartford Central Connecticut Study (GHCC) includes the reassessment of the Central Connecticut Reliability Project and continues to make progress. The final need results showed existing and worsening severe regional and local thermal overloads and voltage violations within each





of the areas studied and across the interfaces of those areas. These results were presented to the ISO-NE Planning Advisory Committee in November 2013. On July 15, 2014, ISO-NE presented the preferred transmission solutions to its Planning Advisory Committee. These solutions are comprised of many 115 kV upgrades that are expected to cost approximately \$350 million and be placed in service from 2016 through 2018. We expect to begin work on the initial solutions in late 2015 and complete GHCC-related work in 2018.

Included as part of NEEWS are several associated reliability related projects, \$93.1 million of which have been placed in service. As of the second quarter of 2014, all construction on the associated reliability related projects was completed.

Through September 30, 2014, CL&P and WMECO capitalized \$323.6 million and \$573.6 million, respectively, in costs associated with NEEWS, of which \$70.8 million and \$6.6 million, respectively, were capitalized in the first nine months of 2014. Included in the NEEWS amounts are costs for IRP, of which CL&P capitalized \$140.9 million in costs through September 30, 2014, and \$67.9 million related to costs capitalized in the first nine months of 2014.

*Northern Pass:* Northern Pass is NU'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. NPT received ISO-NE approval under Section I.3.9 of the ISO tariff in 2013. 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. The DOE continues to work on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Northern Pass. This includes a review of our proposed route and various alternative routes. We now expect the DOE to issue the draft EIS in March 2015. We expect to file the state permit application in the second quarter of 2015 after receipt of the draft EIS. The expected \$1.4 billion project is subject to comprehensive federal and state public permitting processes and is now expected to be operational in the second half of 2018.

*Greater Boston Reliability Solutions:* As a result of continued analysis of the transmission needs to enhance system reliability and improve capacity in eastern Massachusetts, NSTAR Electric and PSNH expect to implement a series of new transmission initiatives over the next five years. For a portion of these new transmission initiatives, ISO-NE and state regulators must decide between two alternative transmission solutions. We expect ISO-NE to select the preferred solution in late 2014 or early 2015. If ISO-NE selects our solution, which is the lower overall capital cost plan, then our investments are estimated to be \$489 million. If the alternate plan is chosen, then we still expect to invest approximately \$356 million.

Distribution Business: A summary of distribution capital expenditures by company for the first nine months of 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

**For the Nine Months Ended September 30,**

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<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>
<i>CL&amp;P:</i>			
Basic Business	\$ 70.2	\$	42.7
Aging Infrastructure	81.1		116.6
Load Growth	49.7		56.9
<i>Total CL&amp;P</i>	201.0		216.2
<i>NSTAR Electric:</i>			
Basic Business	75.4		84.6
Aging Infrastructure	76.0		75.0
Load Growth	25.8		22.5
<i>Total NSTAR Electric</i>	177.2		182.1
<i>PSNH:</i>			
Basic Business	33.1		13.7
Aging Infrastructure	24.2		32.2
Load Growth	21.4		18.3
<i>Total PSNH</i>	78.7		64.2
<i>WMECO:</i>			
Basic Business	6.2		5.3
Aging Infrastructure	10.2		16.7
Load Growth	3.6		5.7
<i>Total WMECO</i>	20.0		27.7
Total - Electric Distribution (excluding Generation)	476.9		490.2
PSNH Generation	11.3		5.5
WMECO Generation	7.5		0.9
Total - Natural Gas	138.9		126.7
Total Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Segment	\$ 634.6	\$	623.3

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.

FERC Regulatory Issues

*FERC Base ROE Complaints:*

*First Complaint:* On September 30, 2011, a complaint was filed jointly at FERC under Sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act (the "first complaint") by several New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates and other parties (the "Complainants"). The Complainants alleged that the base ROE of 11.14 percent that has been utilized since 2006 in the calculation of formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff by NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO, was unjust and unreasonable and asserted that the rate was excessive due to changes in the capital markets. Complainants sought an order to reduce the base ROE prospectively from the date of a final FERC order (the "FERC order date"), and for the 15-month period October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012 (the "first complaint refund period"), and to require refunds. The FERC set the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful in August 2012.

On August 6, 2013, the FERC ALJ issued an initial decision on the first complaint finding that the base ROE in effect during the first complaint refund period was not reasonable and recommended separate base ROEs for the first complaint refund period of 10.6 percent and for the period beginning when FERC issues its final decision (the "prospective period") of 9.7 percent, leaving policy considerations and additional adjustments to the FERC. In the third quarter of 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 first complaint refund period. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the third quarter of 2013.

On June 19, 2014, FERC issued an order on the first complaint, partially affirming and partially reversing the FERC ALJ's initial decision. FERC set a single tentative base ROE of 10.57 percent for the first complaint refund period and prospective period. FERC also modified its traditional methodology by adopting a two-step discounted cash flow analysis that it utilizes to determine the ROEs of both natural gas and oil pipeline projects. Using this methodology, FERC determined a new zone of reasonableness of 7.03 percent to 11.74 percent, and set the tentative base ROE halfway between the midpoint and the top of the zone of reasonableness. FERC also stated that a utility's total ROE, inclusive of transmission incentive ROE adders should not exceed the top of the new zone of reasonableness produced by this methodology. FERC instituted a paper hearing on the long-term growth rate portion of the methodology (the "paper hearing"). Rehearing requests on this new methodology were filed in July, and briefs were filed in August and September by the parties on the appropriate long-term growth rate. In the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded additional reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC's June 19<sup>th</sup> order. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

On October 16, 2014, the FERC issued an order in the paper hearing, which confirmed that the base ROE should be set at 10.57 percent and that a utility's total or maximum ROE should not exceed the top of the new zone of reasonableness (11.74 percent). The FERC ordered the NETOs to provide refunds to customers for the first complaint refund period, and set the new base ROE prospectively from the order date.

*Second Complaint:* On December 27, 2012, a second complaint was filed jointly at FERC by several additional consumer groups and municipal parties (the "second complaint"), which challenged the NETOs' base ROE prospectively from the FERC order date and sought refunds for the 15-month period January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 (the "second complaint refund period").

On June 19, 2014, FERC issued an order finding that the second complaint raised issues of material fact. On July 21, 2014, the NETOs filed a rehearing request in this proceeding. On October 24, 2014, the FERC assigned the case for trial before a FERC ALJ after settlement negotiations were unsuccessful. The FERC ALJ has set a trial date beginning June 8, 2015, and will issue an initial decision on or before October 26, 2015. In the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded reserves at its electric subsidiaries to recognize the potential financial impact from the FERC's June 19 order for the second complaint refund period. See *Cumulative Reserves* below for further information on the reserves recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

*Third Complaint:* On July 31, 2014, a third complaint was filed at FERC (the "third complaint") by most of the complainants to the first and second complaints, claiming that the base ROE and incentive adders exceed the range of permissible ROEs, requesting FERC to reduce the NETOs' base ROE prospectively from the FERC order date, and seeking refunds for the 15-month period beginning August 1, 2014 (the "third complaint refund period"). FERC has taken no action on this complaint to date. At this time, the Company cannot determine the outcome of this complaint.

*Cumulative Reserves:* The following is a summary as of September 30, 2014 of the cumulative reserves (excluding interest) that the Company established in the third quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2014 to recognize the potential financial impacts of the first and second complaints. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the October 16<sup>th</sup> order on the previously established reserves.

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	NU		
	<b>Third Quarter 2013</b>	<b>Second Quarter 2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	\$ 23.7	\$ 1.2	\$ 24.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint - Base ROE	-	27.4	27.4
Incentive ROE (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint)	-	23.8	23.8
Cumulative Reserve	\$ 23.7	\$ 52.4	\$ 76.1

The aggregate after-tax charge to second quarter 2014 earnings resulting from the June 19, 2014 FERC orders totaled \$32.1 million at NU, \$18.5 million at CL&P, \$6.1 million at NSTAR Electric, \$2 million at PSNH and \$5.5 million at WMECO. In the third quarter of 2013, the aggregate after-tax charge to earnings totaled \$14.3 million at NU, \$7.7 million at CL&P, \$3.4 million at NSTAR Electric, \$1.4 million at PSNH and \$1.8 million at WMECO.



*FERC Order No. 1000:* On August 15, 2014, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld FERC's authority to order major changes to transmission planning and cost allocation in FERC Order No. 1000 and Order No. 1000-A, including transmission planning for public policy needs, and the requirement that utilities remove from their transmission tariffs their rights of first refusal to build transmission. FERC has not yet ruled on the comprehensive compliance filings made in November of 2013 by the NETOs, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO. We cannot predict the final outcome or impact on us; however implementation of FERC's goals in New England, including within our service territories, may expose us to competition for construction of transmission projects, additional regulatory considerations, and potential delay with respect to future transmission projects. While the FERC Orders may bring new challenges, we believe there are also opportunities for us to compete for transmission reliability projects outside of our service territories.

Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters

The Regulated companies' distribution rates are set by their respective state regulatory commissions, and their tariffs include mechanisms for periodically adjusting their rates for the recovery of specific incurred costs. Other than as described below, for the first nine months of 2014, changes made to the Regulated companies' rates did not have a material impact on their earnings, financial position, or cash flows. For further information, see "Financial Condition and Business Analysis – Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters" included in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of the NU 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Connecticut:*

Distribution Rates: On June 9, 2014, CL&P filed an application with the PURA to amend customer rates, effective December 1, 2014. The application included an increase to base distribution rates, as well as increases for the annual recovery of previously approved 2011 and 2012 deferred storm restoration costs and previously approved electric system resiliency costs. Hearings were held in late August through the end of September 2014, followed by the legal briefing process. After the briefing process, CL&P updated its requested increase to reflect a reduction to the storm cost recovery amounts. The reduction primarily relates to applying the impact of the \$65.4 million DOE Phase II Damages proceeds received on June 1, 2014 to the total deferred storm restoration costs of \$365 million, as ordered by PURA on June 17, 2014. A final decision is expected in December 2014. A summary of the annual increase in distribution rates requested in the initial application and the current request is as follows:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Base Distribution Rate Increase</b>	<b>2011 and 2012</b>		<b>System Resiliency</b>		<b>Total Distribution Rate Increase</b>
		<b>Storm Cost Recovery</b>		<b>Cost Recovery</b>		
Initial Application \$	116.7	\$ 89.5		\$ 25.3		\$ 231.5
Adjustments	5.7	(16.2)		-		(10.5)
Current Request \$	122.4	\$ 73.3		\$ 25.3		\$ 221.0

*Massachusetts:*

DPU Storm Penalties: In December 2012, in separate orders issued by the DPU, the DPU ordered penalties of \$4.1 million and \$2 million for NSTAR Electric and WMECO, respectively, related to the electric utilities' responses to Tropical Storm Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm, 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.

On September 4, 2014, the SJC vacated \$2 million of NSTAR Electric's \$4.1 million penalties. The SJC found that certain of the penalties were not supported by substantial evidence. The remaining penalties, as well as the \$2 million in penalties related to WMECO, were upheld.

*New Hampshire:*

Generation: In 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 April 1, 2014, the NHPUC staff issued a "Preliminary Status Report Addressing the Economic Interest of PSNH's Retail Customers as it Relates to the Potential Divestiture of PSNH's Generating Plants," which included a consultant's analysis of the fair market value of PSNH generating assets and long-term power purchase contracts. The consultant's analysis estimated the fair market value of PSNH's generation assets to be \$225 million as of December 31, 2013 and compared that amount to a stated net book value of \$660 million, implying potential "stranded costs" in excess of \$400 million. NHPUC staff made three recommendations: (1) that any further actions relating to PSNH's generating assets await a final decision in the Clean Air Project (scrubber) prudence proceeding; (2) that existing laws regarding divestiture, energy service, and cost recovery be harmonized; and (3) that ISO-NE provide input on the economic and reliability consequences of retirement of PSNH's coal- and oil-fired electric generating plants.

During its 2014 session, in response to the NHPUC staff report, the Legislature enacted changes to the laws governing divestiture of PSNH's generation assets, effective September 30, 2014. The new law requires the NHPUC to initiate a proceeding before January 1, 2015, to determine whether all or some of PSNH's generation assets should be divested.

The NHPUC opened its docket DE 14-238 on September 16, 2014 and a Prehearing Conference was held on October 2, 2014. A progress report from the NHPUC must be made by March 31, 2015. The law also gives the NHPUC express authority to order the divestiture of all or some of PSNH's generation assets if the NHPUC finds it is in the economic interest of customers to do so. The law also clarified the definition of "stranded costs" to include costs approved for recovery by the NHPUC in connection with the divestiture or retirement of PSNH's generation assets.

In the event of generation asset divestiture or retirement, present law and the PSNH Restructuring Settlement Agreement approved in 2000 require that the NHPUC provide recovery of any stranded costs by PSNH. We continue to believe generation investments and prudently-incurred costs are probable of recovery.





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 concluded its hearings in October 2014 to determine the prudent costs of PSNH's compliance with the law requiring scrubber installation. The NHPUC is expected to issue a decision on this matter by the end of 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.

#### Legislative and Policy Matters

##### *Massachusetts:*

Gas Replacement and Expansion: On July 7, 2014, Massachusetts enacted "An Act Relative to Natural Gas Leaks" (the Act). The Act establishes a uniform natural gas leak classification standard for all Massachusetts natural gas utilities and a program that accelerates the replacement of aging natural gas infrastructure. The program will enable companies, including NSTAR Gas, to better manage the scheduling and costs of replacement. The Act also calls for the DPU to authorize natural gas utilities to design and offer programs to customers that will increase the availability, affordability and feasibility of natural gas service for new customers.

NSTAR Gas filed the Gas System Enhancement Program (GSEP) with the DPU on October 31, 2014. The program accelerates the replacement of gas distribution facilities composed of leak prone materials to eliminate leak prone infrastructure in the system within 25 years. The GSEP includes a new tariff that provides NSTAR Gas an opportunity to collect the costs for the program on an annual basis through a newly designed reconciling factor to be approved by the DPU.

#### 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 that we believed were the most critical in nature were reported in the NU 2013 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes with regard to these critical accounting policies.

#### Other Matters

*Accounting Standards:* For information regarding new accounting standards, see Note 1B, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Accounting Standards," to the financial statements.

*Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments:* Refer to Note 9B, "Commitments and Contingencies Long-Term Contractual Arrangements," for discussion of material changes to contractual obligations.

*Web Site:* Additional financial information is available through our web site at [www.nu.com](http://www.nu.com). Information contained on the Company's website or that can be accessed through the website is not incorporated into and does not constitute a part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND SUBSIDIARIES**

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for NU for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Revenues \$	1,892.5	\$ 1,892.6	\$ (0.1)	- %	\$ 5,860.7	\$ 5,523.5	\$ 337.2	6.1 %
Operating Expenses:								
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission Operations and Maintenance	716.6	645.9	70.7	10.9	2,319.0	1,882.0	437.0	23.2
Depreciation	344.1	386.7	(42.6)	(11.0)	1,069.0	1,090.0	(21.0)	(1.9)
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	153.2	149.1	4.1	2.7	456.2	463.6	(7.4)	(1.6)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	(22.5)	70.0	(92.5)	(a)	31.8	178.7	(146.9)	(82.2)
Energy Efficiency Programs	-	-	-	-	-	42.6	(42.6)	(100.0)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	118.7	106.1	12.6	11.9	360.2	306.0	54.2	17.7
Total Operating Expenses	141.5	135.5	6.0	4.4	421.9	391.8	30.1	7.7
Operating Income	1,451.6	1,493.3	(41.7)	(2.8)	4,658.1	4,354.7	303.4	7.0
Interest Expense	440.9	399.3	41.6	10.4	1,202.6	1,168.8	33.8	2.9
Other Income, Net	89.7	87.5	2.2	2.5	272.2	250.6	21.6	8.6
Income Before Income Tax Expense	11.8	8.9	2.9	32.6	19.0	21.6	(2.6)	(12.0)
Income Tax Expense	363.0	320.7	42.3	13.2	949.4	939.8	9.6	1.0
Net Income	126.5	109.3	17.2	15.7	345.9	325.4	20.5	6.3
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	236.5	211.4	25.1	11.9	603.5	614.4	(10.9)	(1.8)
Net Income Attributable to	1.9	1.9	-	-	5.6	5.8	(0.2)	(3.4)
	\$ 234.6	\$ 209.5	\$ 25.1	12.0 %	\$ 597.9	\$ 608.6	\$ (10.7)	(1.8)%

## Controlling Interest

**Operating Revenues**

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Electric Distribution \$	1,502.6	\$ 1,508.6	\$ (6.0)	(0.4)%	\$ 4,350.4	\$ 4,104.4	\$ 246.0	6.0 %
Natural Gas Distribution	109.2	97.1	12.1	12.5	737.5	613.0	124.5	20.3
Total Distribution	1,611.8	1,605.7	6.1	0.4	5,087.9	4,717.4	370.5	7.9
Transmission	262.5	234.1	28.4	12.1	721.4	721.5	(0.1)	-
Total Regulated Companies	1,874.3	1,839.8	34.5	1.9	5,809.3	5,438.9	370.4	6.8
Other and Eliminations	18.2	52.8	(34.6)	(65.5)	51.4	84.6	(33.2)	(39.2)
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,892.5</b>	<b>\$ 1,892.6</b>	<b>\$ (0.1)</b>	<b>- %</b>	<b>\$ 5,860.7</b>	<b>\$ 5,523.5</b>	<b>\$ 337.2</b>	<b>6.1 %</b>

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

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

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Retail Electric Sales Volumes in GWh	14,555	15,247	(692)	(4.5) %	41,439	41,954	(515)	(1.2) %
Firm Natural Gas Sales Volumes in Million Cubic Feet	11,328	11,173	155	1.4	75,169	68,046	7,123	10.5

*Three Months Ended:*

In the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013, Operating Revenues remained essentially flat.

Electric base distribution revenues decreased \$22.6 million compared to the same period in 2013, reflecting a 4.5 percent decrease in retail electric sales volumes. The decrease in sales volumes reflects the cooler summer weather in 2014 as well as the impact of our utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs. There was an increase in revenues related to the higher costs associated with purchasing electricity and natural gas on behalf of our customers.

Fluctuations in these energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Firm natural gas sales volumes increased 1.4 percent from the third quarter of 2013 as customer growth and economic conditions in our service territory have shown steady improvement over the past year.

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As noted above, our respective utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs have the impact of reducing both retail electric and firm natural gas sales. CL&P and NSTAR Electric bill customers for lost base revenues related to reductions in sales volume as a result of their energy efficiency. We recognized \$15.8 million of lost base revenue in the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$5.5 million during the same period of 2013.

Transmission revenues increased in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the third quarter of 2013, as a result of the recovery of higher transmission expenses including ongoing investments in our transmission infrastructure.

*Nine Months Ended:*

In the first nine months of 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013, Operating Revenues increased \$337.2 million.

The most significant factor in the revenue increase was the overall impact of the recovery of costs associated with the procurement of energy supply. The costs incurred to procure energy were significantly higher in 2014 than in 2013.

Our energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs which, in addition to its impact on the cost of natural gas purchased on behalf of our retail natural gas customers, had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail electric customers. Fluctuations in energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Firm base natural gas revenues increased \$25.9 million reflecting an increase of approximately 10.5 percent in firm natural gas sales volumes. The increase in sales volumes was driven primarily by the cold winter weather experienced throughout our service territories in the first quarter of 2014. The winter was significantly colder than both normal and the same period last year throughout New England. Weather-normalized total firm natural gas sales volumes (based on 30-year average temperatures) increased 3.6 percent in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to residential and commercial customer growth.

In the first nine months of 2014, base electric distribution revenues decreased \$16 million, compared to the first nine months of 2013. This decrease reflects a 1.2 percent reduction in sales volumes. The decrease in sales volumes reflects the cooler summer weather in 2014 as well as the impact of our utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs, partially offset by colder winter weather in the first quarter of 2014. Weather-normalized retail electric sales volumes decreased 0.9 percent in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, reflecting the impact of our utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs.

CL&P and NSTAR Electric bill customers for lost base revenues related to reductions in sales volume as a result of their energy efficiency. We recognized \$31.9 million of lost base revenue in the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$14.6 million during the same period of 2013.

Transmission revenues remained essentially flat in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to the impact of the reserve recorded in the second quarter of 2014 as a result of the June 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues - FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

**Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission** expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity and natural gas on behalf of our customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates through cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission

increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>		<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	
Electric Distribution	\$	87.9	\$	366.0
Natural Gas Distribution		10.6		79.7
Transmission		-		(3.2)
Other and Eliminations		(27.8)		(5.5)
Total Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	\$	70.7	\$	437.0

The increase in purchased power at the electric and natural gas distribution businesses were driven by the higher costs associated with the procurement of energy supply. Our energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs which, in addition to its impact on the cost of natural gas purchased on behalf of our retail natural gas customers, had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail electric customers.



**Operations and Maintenance** expense includes tracked costs and costs that are recovered through base electric and natural gas distribution rates (and therefore impact earnings). Operations and Maintenance decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>
Base Electric Distribution:		
Labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs	(18.8)	\$ (62.3)
Implementation of a new outage restoration program at CL&P	4.8	9.7
Vegetation management costs	(4.7)	(0.9)
Storm restoration costs	(1.6)	(10.1)
Other operations and maintenance	(4.1)	21.6
Total Base Electric Distribution	(24.4)	(42.0)
Total Base Natural Gas Distribution	(0.6)	2.3
Total Base Electric and Natural Gas Distribution	(25.0)	(39.7)
Total Tracked costs (Transmission and Electric and Natural Gas Distribution)	(3.6)	19.9
Total Distribution and Transmission	(28.6)	(19.8)
Other and eliminations:		
Integration and severance costs	(7.0)	4.5
All other (including eliminations)	(7.0)	(5.7)
Total Operations and Maintenance	\$ (42.6)	\$ (21.0)

**Depreciation** increased for the three months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013 due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service (\$8.8 million), partially offset by a decrease in CYAPC and YAEC decommissioning costs, which do not impact earnings (\$4.7 million). For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, depreciation expense decreased due primarily to a decrease in the CYAPC and YAEC decommissioning costs, which do not impact earnings (\$29.7 million), partially offset by an increase related to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service (\$22.3 million).

**Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net**, which are tracked costs, include certain regulatory-approved tracking mechanisms. Fluctuations in these costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net, decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>
NSTAR Electric (primarily deferred transition costs)	\$ (87.8)	\$ (174.2)
PSNH (primarily default energy service charge)	(10.0)	(15.9)
CL&P (primarily energy supply and energy-related costs)	13.1	51.4
WMECO (primarily deferred transition costs)	(7.1)	(7.2)
Other	(0.7)	(1.0)
Total Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	\$ (92.5)	\$ (146.9)

**Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due to the maturity in 2013 of RRBs of NSTAR Electric, PSNH, and WMECO.

**Energy Efficiency Programs**, which are tracked costs, increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to an increase in energy efficiency costs in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU at NSTAR Electric and WMECO and expanded energy conservation programs at CL&P in 2014 as a result of 2013 legislative action, partially offset by a decrease in the amortization of previously deferred costs at NSTAR Electric.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes** increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of both an increase in utility plant balances and property tax rates, combined with a decrease and increase, respectively, in the Connecticut gross earnings tax for the three months and nine months ended, attributable to fluctuations in retail revenues.

**Interest Expense** increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the absence in 2014 of the favorable impact from the resolution of a Connecticut state income tax audit in the first quarter of 2013 (\$8.8 million), lower interest income from a decrease in the recovery of previously deferred transition costs (\$0.5 million and \$8.2 million, respectively), and an increase in interest on long-term debt (\$0.3 million and \$3.9 million, respectively) as a result of new debt issuances in the first and second quarters of 2014.

**Other Income, Net** increased for the three months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to a gain on the sale of land (\$4.5 million), and higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$3.8 million), partially offset by lower unrealized gains on assets supporting the deferred compensation plans (\$3.1 million) and the absence in 2014 of an insurance policy claim received in 2013 (\$2.6 million). Other Income, Net decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower unrealized gains on the assets supporting the deferred compensation plans (\$6.5 million), and the absence in 2014 of an insurance policy claim received in 2013 (\$2.6 million), partially offset by higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$3.8 million), and a net gain on the sale of land (\$4.5 million).

**Income Tax Expense** increased for the three months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$14.9 million), and higher state taxes, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and various other impacts (\$2.3 million).

Income Tax Expense increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$6.5 million), and higher state taxes, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and various other impacts (\$14 million).

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY**

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for CL&P for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 695.6	\$ 648.4	\$ 47.2	7.3 %	\$ 2,017.6	\$ 1,841.8	\$ 175.8	9.5 %
Operating Expenses:								
Purchased Power and Transmission	255.8	253.1	2.7	1.1	737.0	667.3	69.7	10.4
Operations and Maintenance	127.2	127.1	0.1	0.1	368.6	359.7	8.9	2.5
Depreciation	46.9	44.8	2.1	4.7	139.6	132.3	7.3	5.5
Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net	13.1	-	13.1	100.0	62.6	11.2	51.4	(a)
Energy Efficiency Programs	41.4	24.5	16.9	69.0	119.4	68.2	51.2	75.1
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	65.0	65.0	-	-	194.1	182.7	11.4	6.2
Total Operating Expenses	549.4	514.5	34.9	6.8	1,621.3	1,421.4	199.9	14.1
Operating Income	146.2	133.9	12.3	9.2	396.3	420.4	(24.1)	(5.7)
Interest Expense	38.7	35.3	3.4	9.6	110.4	99.0	11.4	11.5
Other Income, Net	6.4	3.9	2.5	64.1	10.6	10.9	(0.3)	(2.8)
Income Before Income Tax Expense	113.9	102.5	11.4	11.1	296.5	332.3	(35.8)	(10.8)
Income Tax Expense	30.0	36.2	(6.2)	(17.1)	95.9	113.1	(17.2)	(15.2)
Net Income	\$ 83.9	\$ 66.3	\$ 17.6	26.5 %	\$ 200.6	\$ 219.2	\$ (18.6)	(8.5)%

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

**Operating Revenues**

CL&P's retail sales volumes were as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>				<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Percent</b>

Retail Sales Volumes in GWh	5,791	6,119	(328)	(5.3)%	16,790	16,993	(203)	(1.2)%
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CL&P's Operating Revenues increased in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the same period of 2013. The increase primarily reflects the overall impact of higher costs associated with the procurement of energy supply. Our energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs, which had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail customers. Fluctuations in energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. The increase was also driven by a higher level of recovery related to CL&P's energy efficiency programs, which has no impact on earnings, as a result of 2013 legislative action.

Partially offsetting this increase was a decrease in retail sales volumes in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014.

CL&P's Operating Revenues increased in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013.

The increase primarily reflects the overall impact of higher costs associated with the procurement of energy supply.

The energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs, which had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail customers. Fluctuations in energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. The increase was also driven by a higher level of recovery related to CL&P's energy efficiency programs, which has no impact on earnings, as a result of 2013 legislative action.

Partially offsetting this increase was the impact of the reserve recorded in the second quarter of 2014 as a result of the June 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues - FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

**Purchased Power and Transmission** expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity on behalf of CL&P's customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in PURA-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power and Transmission increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended Increase/(Decrease)</b>
Purchased Power Costs	\$ 42.4	\$ 111.2
Transmission Costs	(34.4)	(22.6)
Other	(5.3)	(18.9)
Total Purchased Power and Transmission	\$ 2.7	\$ 69.7

Included in Purchased Power are the costs associated with CL&P's generation services charge (GSC) and deferred energy costs. The GSC 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. The increase in purchased power was due primarily to higher average supply prices and increased load as a result of customers returning to standard offer from third party suppliers. The decrease in transmission costs was the result of a decrease in the retail transmission

cost deferral, which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers.

**Operations and Maintenance** expense includes tracked costs and costs that are recovered through base electric distribution rates (and therefore impact earnings). Operations and Maintenance expenses were relatively flat in the third quarter of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013.

Tracked costs, which have no earnings impact, increased \$4.5 million, which was primarily attributable to higher hardship and other tracked bad debt expense. This increase was offset by a decrease in costs that impact earnings of \$4.4 million, which was primarily attributable to lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and lower routine vegetation management costs, partially offset by an increase in costs for the implementation of a new outage restoration program that began in the second quarter of 2014.

Operations and Maintenance increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, driven by a \$14.2 million increase in tracked costs, which have no earnings impact, which was primarily attributable to higher hardship and other tracked bad debt expense. Partially offsetting this increase was a \$5.3 million decrease in costs that impact earnings, which was primarily attributable to lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs, and lower storm restoration costs, partially offset by an increase in costs for the implementation of a new outage restoration program that began in the second quarter of 2014.

**Depreciation** increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

**Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net**, increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013. Fluctuations in energy supply and energy-related costs, which are the primary drivers in amortization, are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

**Energy Efficiency Programs**, which are tracked costs, increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to expanded energy conservation programs in 2014 as a result of 2013 legislative action.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes** did not materially change for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of both an increase in utility plant balances and property tax rates, and a decrease and increase, respectively, in the Connecticut gross earnings tax for the three months and nine months ended attributable to fluctuations in retail revenues.

**Interest Expense** increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the absence in 2014 of the favorable impact from the resolution of a state income tax audit in the first quarter of 2013 (\$6 million), an increase in interest on long-term debt (\$1.9 million and \$4.1 million, respectively) as a result of a new debt issuance in April 2014, and an increase in regulatory interest due to the refund of the DOE proceeds in the third quarter of 2014 (\$1.2 million).

**Other Income, Net** increased for the three months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to a gain on the sale of land (\$4.5 million), higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$0.4 million), partially offset by lower unrealized gains on the assets supporting the deferred compensation plans (\$2.4 million).

**Income Tax Expense** decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower state tax expense, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and various other impacts (\$10.2 million), partially offset by higher pre-tax earnings (\$4 million).

Income Tax Expense decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower pre-tax earnings (\$11.1 million) and lower state taxes, which includes the reduction in valuation allowance for state credits, and various other impacts (\$6.1 million).

## **EARNINGS SUMMARY**

CL&P's third quarter 2014 earnings were higher than the same period in 2013 due primarily to the absence of an after-tax reserve of \$7.7 million recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints, lower income tax expense due to the reduction in valuation allowance, and a decrease in operations and maintenance costs attributable to lower employee-related costs. Partially offsetting these favorable earnings impacts were lower retail electric sales volumes as a result of cooler summer weather in 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, higher depreciation expense and higher property taxes.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CL&P's earnings decreased, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to the after-tax reserve recorded for the second quarter 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints (\$10.8 million increase), higher property tax expense and higher interest expense. Partially offsetting these unfavorable earnings impacts were lower income tax expense due to the reduction in valuation allowance and a decrease in operations and maintenance costs primarily attributable to lower employee-related costs.



## LIQUIDITY

CL&P had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$483 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$308.6 million in the first nine months of 2013. The improved operating cash flows were due primarily to \$68.6 million in DOE damages proceeds received in 2014 from the Yankee Companies associated with the spent nuclear fuel litigation, the absence of cash disbursements for major storm restoration costs, an increase in regulatory overrecoveries, partially offset by changes in working capital items, an unfavorable cash flow impact relating to income tax payments of \$85.3 million in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to income tax payments of \$41.2 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment on the 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. In the first nine months of 2014, investments for CL&P were \$371.7 million.

Effective July 23, 2014, NU parent and certain of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, extended the expiration date of their joint \$1.45 billion revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. The revolving credit facility is to be used primarily to backstop NU parent's \$1.45 billion commercial paper program. The commercial paper program allows NU parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt to its subsidiaries, including CL&P. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were intercompany loans from NU parent of \$105.4 million and \$287.3 million, respectively, to CL&P.

On September 15, 2014, CL&P repaid at maturity the \$150 million of 4.80 percent 2004 Series A First Mortgage Bonds.

On August 27, 2014, PURA approved CL&P's request to extend the authorization period for issuance of up to \$366.4 million in long-term debt from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Financing activities in the first nine months of 2014 included \$128.4 million in common stock dividends paid to NU parent.



**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY**

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for NSTAR Electric for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,955.6	\$ 1,916.6	\$ 39.0	2.0 %
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power and Transmission	879.8	659.1	220.7	33.5
Operations and Maintenance	244.6	277.3	(32.7)	(11.8)
Depreciation	141.0	136.3	4.7	3.4
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	(0.9)	173.3	(174.2)	(a)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	15.1	(15.1)	(100.0)
Energy Efficiency Programs	145.5	161.2	(15.7)	(9.7)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	99.1	95.3	3.8	4.0
Total Operating Expenses	1,509.1	1,517.6	(8.5)	(0.6)
Operating Income	446.5	399.0	47.5	11.9
Interest Expense	59.1	51.6	7.5	14.5
Other Income, Net	3.0	3.3	(0.3)	(9.1)
Income Before Income Tax Expense	390.4	350.7	39.7	11.3
Income Tax Expense	156.6	137.5	19.1	13.9
Net Income	\$ 233.8	\$ 213.2	\$ 20.6	9.7 %

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

**Operating Revenues**

NSTAR Electric's retail sales volumes were as follows:

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Retail Sales Volumes in GWh	15,958	16,204	(246)	(1.5)%

NSTAR Electric's Operating Revenues increased in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013. The increase primarily reflects the overall impact of higher costs associated with the procurement of energy supply. Our energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs, which had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail customers. Fluctuations in energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. Partially offsetting this increase was the impact of the reserve recorded in the second quarter of 2014 as a result of the June 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints.

For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues - FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*. Additionally, transition cost recovery revenues decreased during the period, reflecting the full collection in 2013 of previously deferred costs, as well as the full amortization of RRBs. Base distribution revenues decreased in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, which was due primarily to cooler summer weather and customer savings due to the impact of energy efficiency programs. NSTAR Electric is permitted to bill customers for lost base revenues related to reductions in sales volume as a result of their energy efficiency. In the first nine months of 2014, including the impact from the recognition of lost base revenues, base distribution revenues were flat, compared to the first nine months of 2013.

**Purchased Power and Transmission** expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity on behalf of NSTAR Electric's customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in DPU-approved cost tracking mechanisms which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power and Transmission increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Increase</b>
Purchased Power Costs	\$ 167.6
Transmission Costs	49.0
Other	4.1
Total Purchased Power and Transmission	\$ 220.7

The increase in purchased power was due primarily to higher energy supply prices. The increase in transmission costs was due primarily to higher RNS expense.

**Operations and Maintenance** expense includes tracked costs and costs that are recovered through base electric distribution rates (and therefore impact earnings). Operations and Maintenance decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, driven by a \$36.9 million reduction in costs that impact earnings, which was primarily attributable to lower labor and other employee-related costs. Partially offsetting this decrease was a \$4.2 million increase in tracked costs, which have no earnings impact, which was primarily attributable to an increased level of recovery of deferred storm costs.

**Depreciation** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.



**Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net**, reflects a decrease in the recovery of previously deferred tracked transition costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013. Fluctuations in these costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

**Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due to the maturity of the RRBs in March 2013.

**Energy Efficiency Programs**, which are tracked costs, decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to a decrease in the amortization of previously deferred costs. This was partially offset by an increase in energy efficiency costs incurred in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due to an increase in property taxes as a result of both an increase in utility plant balances and property tax rates.

**Interest Expense** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower interest income from a decrease in the recovery of previously deferred transition costs (\$8.7 million), partially offset by a decrease in interest on long-term debt (\$0.8 million).

**Income Tax Expense** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher pre-tax earnings (\$13.8 million) and higher state taxes (\$5.3 million).

## EARNINGS SUMMARY

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, NSTAR Electric's earnings increased, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower operations and maintenance costs primarily attributable to lower employee-related costs. Partially offsetting the favorable earnings impact were the after-tax reserve recorded for the second quarter 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints (\$2.7 million increase), higher interest expense, higher depreciation expense and higher property tax expense.

## LIQUIDITY

NSTAR Electric had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$517.5 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$317.6 million in the first nine months of 2013. The improved operating cash flows were due primarily to the absence of cash disbursements for major storm restoration costs associated with the February 2013 blizzard, collections of accounts receivable from affiliated companies, \$30.2 million in DOE Damages proceeds in 2014 from the Yankee Companies associated with the spent nuclear fuel litigation and the absence of Pension Plan cash contributions in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to contributions of \$82 million in the first nine months of 2013. These favorable cash flow impacts were partially offset by the absence of costs recovered in rates related to the RRBs that were fully amortized in the first quarter of 2013 and an increase in income taxes paid.

Effective July 23, 2014, NSTAR Electric extended the expiration date of its \$450 million revolving credit facility for one additional year to September 6, 2019. This facility serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's existing \$450 million commercial paper program. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, NSTAR Electric had \$159.5 million and \$103.5 million, respectively, in short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, leaving \$290.5 million and \$346.5 million, respectively, of available borrowing capacity. The weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 0.16 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively, which is generally based on A2/P1 rated commercial paper.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARY**

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for PSNH for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 735.1	\$ 708.6	\$ 26.5	3.7 %
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	248.0	197.8	50.2	25.4
Operations and Maintenance	198.0	191.6	6.4	3.3
Depreciation	73.2	68.4	4.8	7.0
Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net	(17.6)	(1.7)	(15.9)	(a)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	19.7	(19.7)	(100.0)
Energy Efficiency Programs	10.9	11.0	(0.1)	(0.9)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	53.1	52.7	0.4	0.8
Total Operating Expenses	565.6	539.5	26.1	4.8
Operating Income	169.5	169.1	0.4	0.2
Interest Expense	34.0	34.2	(0.2)	(0.6)
Other Income, Net	1.7	2.4	(0.7)	(29.2)
Income Before Income Tax Expense	137.2	137.3	(0.1)	(0.1)
Income Tax Expense	52.2	52.8	(0.6)	(1.1)
Net Income	\$ 85.0	\$ 84.5	\$ 0.5	0.6 %

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

**Operating Revenues**

PSNH's retail sales volumes were as follows:

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Retail Sales Volumes in GWh	5,970	5,971	(1)	-%

PSNH's Operating Revenues increased in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to the overall impact of higher costs associated with the procurement of energy supply. The energy supply costs were impacted by higher natural gas transportation costs, which had an adverse impact on the cost of electric energy purchased for our retail customers. Fluctuations in energy supply costs are recovered from customers in rates and therefore have no impact on earnings. Also reflected in the revenue increase were increases of \$6.7 million related to NHPUC-approved distribution rate increases effective July 1, 2013 and increases in transmission revenues as a result of the recovery of higher transmission expenses including ongoing investments in our transmission infrastructure, partially offset by the impact of the reserve recorded in the second quarter of 2014 as a result of the June 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues



- FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

**Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission** expense includes costs associated with PSNH's generation of electricity as well as purchasing electricity on behalf of its customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in NHPUC-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to the following:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	
Generation Fuel Costs	\$	43.0
Transmission Costs		12.3
Purchased Power Costs		(11.5)
Other		6.4
Total Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	\$	50.2

The increase in generation fuel costs was due primarily to an increase in the amount of electricity generated by PSNH facilities. The decrease in purchased power costs was a result of purchasing less power due to increased PSNH generation. The increase in transmission costs was as a result of an increase in the retail transmission cost deferral, which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers.

**Operations and Maintenance** expense includes tracked costs and costs that are recovered through base electric distribution rates (and therefore impact earnings). Operations and Maintenance increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, driven by a \$6.2 million increase in tracked costs, which have no earnings impact, which was primarily attributable to higher operations and maintenance costs at the generation business due to the timing of planned outages, partially offset by lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs.

**Depreciation** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

**Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net**, reflects a decrease in the recovery of the default energy service charge and other amortizations for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013. Fluctuations in these costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

**Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due to the maturity of the RRBs in May 2013.

**Income Tax Expense** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to various tax impacts (\$0.6 million).

## **EARNINGS SUMMARY**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, PSNH's earnings increased, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher distribution retail revenues, which were favorably impacted by the PSNH annualized distribution rate increases effective July 1, 2013. Partially offsetting this favorable earnings impact were the after-tax reserve recorded for the second quarter 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints (\$0.6 million increase), and higher depreciation expense.

## **LIQUIDITY**

PSNH had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$205.8 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$160.4 million in the first nine months of 2013. The improved cash flows were due primarily to \$14.5 million in DOE Damages proceeds in 2014 from the Yankee Companies associated with the spent nuclear fuel litigation, the absence of \$108.3 million in Pension Plan cash contributions in the first nine months of 2014, and the favorable impact of the 2010 rate case settlement related to the additional increase to annualized rates that was effective July 1, 2013. These favorable cash flow impacts were partially offset by changes in working capital amounts, income tax payments of \$9 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with income tax refunds of \$8.7 million in the first nine months of 2013, and the absence of costs recovered in rates related to the RRBs that were fully amortized in the second quarter of 2013.



**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for WMECO for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<i>(Millions of Dollars)</i>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 363.8	\$ 361.8	\$ 2.0	0.6 %
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power and Transmission	131.0	111.1	19.9	17.9
Operations and Maintenance	67.1	70.2	(3.1)	(4.4)
Depreciation	31.1	27.7	3.4	12.3
Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net	(7.8)	(0.6)	(7.2)	(a)
Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds	-	7.8	(7.8)	(100.0)
Energy Efficiency Programs	33.1	28.5	4.6	16.1
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	25.7	20.2	5.5	27.2
Total Operating Expenses	280.2	264.9	15.3	5.8
Operating Income	83.6	96.9	(13.3)	(13.7)
Interest Expense	18.9	18.8	0.1	0.5
Other Income, Net	1.7	2.3	(0.6)	(26.1)
Income Before Income Tax Expense	66.4	80.4	(14.0)	(17.4)
Income Tax Expense	26.6	30.4	(3.8)	(12.5)
Net Income	\$ 39.8	\$ 50.0	\$ (10.2)	(20.4)%

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

**Operating Revenues**

WMECO's retail sales volumes were as follows:

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Retail Sales Volumes in GWh	2,721	2,786	(65)	(2.3)%

WMECO's Operating Revenues increased in the first nine months of 2014, as compared to the first nine months of 2013, due primarily to a higher level of recovery related to WMECO's energy supply and energy efficiency programs. These revenues are fully reconciled to the related costs. Therefore this increase in revenues had no material impact on earnings. There was also a \$3.9 million increase in revenues that impacts earnings due to the reversal of a previously established wholesale billing adjustment. Partially offsetting this increase was the impact of the reserve recorded in the second quarter of 2014 as a result of the June 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter of 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints. For further information, see "FERC Regulatory Issues - FERC Base ROE Complaints" in this *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*. Additionally, transition cost recovery revenues decreased due to the refund to customers of proceeds received from the Yankee Companies resulting from the spent nuclear fuel litigation. Fluctuations in WMECO's kWh sales have no impact on earnings, as its revenues are decoupled from sales volumes and changes in revenues are primarily related to changes in its cost tracking

mechanisms.

**Purchased Power and Transmission** expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity on behalf of WMECO's customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in DPU-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power and Transmission increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to an increase in purchased power due primarily to higher average supply prices and increased load as a result of customers returning to basic service from third party suppliers (\$10.7 million) and an increase in transmission costs as a result of an increase in the retail transmission cost deferral (\$9.2 million), which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers.

**Operations and Maintenance** expense includes tracked costs and costs that are recovered through base electric distribution rates (and therefore impact earnings). Operations and Maintenance decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, driven by a \$3.1 million decrease in tracked costs, which have no earnings impact, which was primarily attributable to lower labor and other employee-related costs, including pension costs. Costs that impact earnings were flat for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013.

**Depreciation** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to higher utility plant balances resulting from completed construction projects placed into service.

**Amortization of Regulatory Liabilities, Net**, reflects a decrease in the recovery of transition costs primarily due to the refund of the DOE proceeds to customers for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013. Fluctuations in these costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

**Amortization of Rate Reduction Bonds** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to same period in 2013, due to the maturity of the RRBs in June 2013.

**Energy Efficiency Programs**, which are tracked costs, increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to an increase in energy efficiency costs in accordance with the three-year program guidelines established by the DPU.



**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to an increase in property taxes as a result of both an increase in utility plant balances and property tax rates.

**Income Tax Expense** decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to lower pre-tax earnings (\$4.9 million), partially offset by various other tax impacts (\$1.1 million).

## **EARNINGS SUMMARY**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, WMECO's earnings decreased, as compared to the same period in 2013, due primarily to the after-tax reserve recorded for the second quarter 2014 FERC ROE orders as compared to the reserve recorded in the third quarter 2013 for the FERC ALJ initial decision in the FERC base ROE complaints (\$3.7 million increase), higher depreciation expense and higher property tax expense. Partially offsetting these unfavorable earnings impacts were the reversal of a previously established wholesale billing adjustment and an increase in generation earnings.

## **LIQUIDITY**

WMECO had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$120.6 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with \$170.1 million in the first nine months of 2013. The decrease in operating cash flows was due primarily to income tax payments of \$26.5 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared with income tax payments of \$16.9 million in the first nine months of 2013, changes in working capital items, and the absence of costs recovered in rates related to the RRBs that were fully amortized in the second quarter of 2013, partially offset by the receipt of \$18.9 million in DOE Damages proceeds received in 2014 from the Yankee Companies associated with the spent nuclear fuel litigation, and an increase in regulatory overrecoveries.

**ITEM 3.**

**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.

**Other Risk Management Activities**

*Interest Rate Risk Management:* We manage our interest rate risk exposure in accordance with our written policies and procedures by maintaining a mix of fixed and variable rate long-term debt.

*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.

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.

We have provided additional disclosures regarding interest rate risk management and credit risk management in Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," in NU's 2013 Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. There have been no additional risks identified and no material changes with regard to the items previously disclosed in the NU 2013 Form 10-K.



## **ITEM 4.**

### **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

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 September 30, 2014 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 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. 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.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

During the third quarter of 2014, we implemented a new general ledger system resulting in a material change in internal controls over financial reporting. This new system, which went live effective August 1, 2014, standardized the financial systems for the merged companies and allows for a common set of accounting processes, practices and data structures across all operating companies. Pre-implementation testing and post-implementation reviews were conducted by management to ensure that internal controls surrounding the system implementation process, the applications, and the closing process were properly designed to prevent material financial statement errors. Such procedures included the review of required documents, user acceptance testing, change management procedures, access controls, data migration strategies and reconciliations, application interface testing and other standard application controls.

Except as described above, there have been no other changes in internal controls over financial reporting for NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and WMECO during the quarter ended September 30, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting.



## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are parties to various legal proceedings. We have identified these legal proceedings in Part I, Item 3, "Legal Proceedings," and elsewhere in our 2013 Form 10-K, which disclosures are incorporated herein by reference. There have been no additional material legal proceedings identified and no material changes with regard to the legal proceedings previously disclosed in our 2013 Form 10-K.

### ITEM 1A.

#### RISK FACTORS

We are subject to a variety of significant risks in addition to the matters set forth under "Forward-Looking Statements," in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We have identified a number of these risk factors in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our 2013 Form 10-K, which risk factors are incorporated herein by reference. These risk factors should be considered carefully in evaluating our risk profile. There have been no additional risk factors identified and no material changes with regard to the risk factors previously disclosed in our 2013 Form 10-K.

### ITEM 2.

#### UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table discloses purchases of our common shares made by us or on our behalf for the periods shown below. The common shares purchased consist of open market purchases made by the Company or an independent agent. These share transactions related to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plans.

Period	Total Number	Average Price	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that
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	<b>of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Paid per Share</b>	<b>as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans and Programs (at month end)</b>
July 1 July 31, 2014	-	\$ -	-	-
August 1 August 31, 2014	34,452	45.37	-	-
September 1 September 30, 2014	5,248	45.37	-	-
Total	39,700	\$ 45.37	-	-

**ITEM 6.****EXHIBITS**

Each document described below is filed herewith, unless designated with an asterisk (\*), which exhibits are incorporated by reference by the registrant under whose name the exhibit appears.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Listing of Exhibits (NU)</b>	
12	Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
31	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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2014
32	Certification of Thomas J. May, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of NU, and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 7, 2014
<b>Listing of Exhibits (CL&amp;P)</b>	
* 3.1	By-laws of CL&P, amended and restated as in effect September 29, 2014 (Exhibit 3.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 2, 2014, File No. 000-00404)
* 4.1	Supplemental Indenture (2014 Series A Bond) between CL&P and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated as of April 1, 2014 (Exhibit 4.1, CL&P Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 29, 2014, File No. 000-00404)
12	Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

- 31 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, 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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2014
- 32 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, Chief Executive Officer of CL&P, and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CL&P, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 7, 2014

**Listing of Exhibits (NSTAR Electric)**

- \* 3.1 By-laws of NSTAR Electric, amended and restated as in effect September 29, 2014 (Exhibit 3.1, NSTAR Electric Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 2, 2014, File No. 001-02301)
- 12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
- 31 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric, 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 November 7, 2014
- 31.1 Certification of James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR Electric, 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 November 7, 2014
- 32 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, Chief Executive Officer of NSTAR Electric, and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR Electric, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 7, 2014



**Listing of Exhibits (PSNH)**

- 3.1 By-laws of PSNH, amended and restated as in effect September 29, 2014
- \* 4.1 Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture, between PSNH and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated as of October 1, 2014 (Exhibit 4.1, PSNH Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 17, 2014, File No. 001-06392)
- 12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
- 31 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, 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 November 7, 2014
- 31.1 Certification of James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial 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 November 7, 2014
- 32 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, Chief Executive Officer of PSNH, and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of PSNH, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 7, 2014

**Listing of Exhibits (WMECO)**

- 3.1 By-laws of WMECO, amended and restated as in effect September 29, 2014
- 12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
- 31 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, 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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2014
- 32 Certification of Werner J. Schweiger, Chief Executive Officer of WMECO, and James J. Judge, Executive Vice President and Chief



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Financial Officer of WMECO, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 7, 2014

**Listing of Exhibits (NU, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH, WMECO)**

101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

*/s/*

November 7, 2014

By:

Jay S. Buth  
Jay S. Buth  
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting  
Officer

**SIGNATURE**

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**THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY**

*/s/*

November 7, 2014

By:

Jay S. Buth  
Jay S. Buth  
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting  
Officer

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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November 7, 2014

By:

Jay S. Buth  
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Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting  
Officer

**SIGNATURE**

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*/s/*

November 7, 2014

By:

Jay S. Buth  
Jay S. Buth  
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting  
Officer

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

*/s/*

November 7, 2014

By:

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