

Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call



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<u>**Gross Margin:**</u> Gross Margin is determined by deducting the cost of sales from operating revenue. Cost of sales includes the purchased fuel cost for natural gas, electric and propane distribution operations and the cost of labor spent on different revenue-producing activities. Other companies may calculate gross margin in a different manner.



Third Quarter 2017 Highlights

- EPS of \$0.42 for third quarter 2018 compared to \$0.29 for third quarter 2017
- 45 percent growth in 3rd Quarter EPS highest 3rd quarter EPS in Chesapeake's history
- Continued growth across business units led by Propane, ESNG, Natural Gas Distribution and Aspire Energy

+ \$0.07/share

+(\$0.03)/share

Lower O&M expense reduced expenses by \$1.9M for the quarter

Key drivers of the \$0.13 per share increase included:

- Lower O&M expenses
- Higher retail and wholesale propane
 volumes and improved margins + \$0.06/share
- Natural Gas Transmission & Distribution
 growth and GRIP + \$0.04/share
- Implementation of interim new rates for
 Eastern Shore Natural Gas + \$0.04/share
- Higher Aspire Energy margins and volumes + \$0.02/share
- Higher depreciation and taxes resulting
 from capital investments for growth +(\$0.07)/share
- Higher payroll and benefit costs

Key Third Quarter Accomplishments:

- Interim rates effective August 1st for Eastern Shore rate case; settlement discussions continuing
- FERC approved the 2017 Eastern Shore Natural Gas
 Expansion; limited construction underway
- Northwest Florida Pipeline expansion construction
 underway
- NEW PROJECT 14 mile pipeline project to serve FPU customers in New Smyrna, FL; construction underway
- Minimized impact of Hurricane Irma on Florida operations due to successful preparation, execution and timely restoration of services



Eastern Shore Natural Gas

Capital Investments and 2017 Rate Case

2016 System Reliability Project Description:

- 10.1 miles of pipeline in New Castle and Kent Counties in Delaware
- New compressor station at existing Bridgeville, compressor station in Sussex County, Delaware
- 2.5 mile looping segment completed in December 2016
- Remainder of project completed in 2nd Quarter of 2017
- Approximate \$38.0M investment

Drivers for Rate Case:

- Required come back filing
- Inclusion of System Reliability Investment and investments since previous rate case in 2012
- Overall increased cost of service

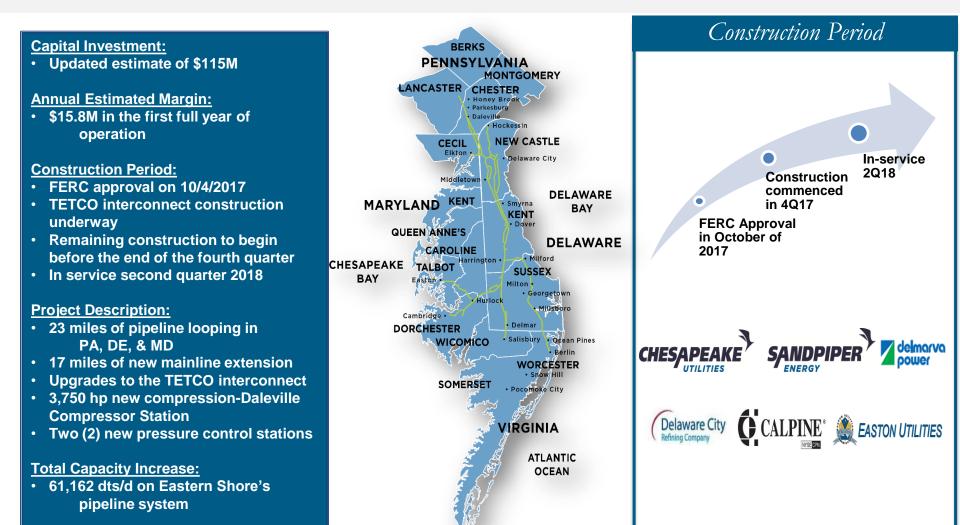
2017 ESNG Rate Case:

- Filing made with FERC in January 2017
- Requested return on the 2016 System Reliability Project, other capital improvements and increased operating expenses/cost of service
- Interim rates, subject to refund, effective in August 2017
- Recorded \$1M in margin in 3rd Quarter
- Settlement discussions
 ongoing



Eastern Shore Natural Gas

2017 System Expansion Project Details





Florida Natural Gas Projects

Northwest Florida Expansion and New Smyrna Expansion

Capital Investment:

- \$35.9M Northwest Expansion
- \$9.1M New Smyrna Expansion

Annual Estimated Margin:

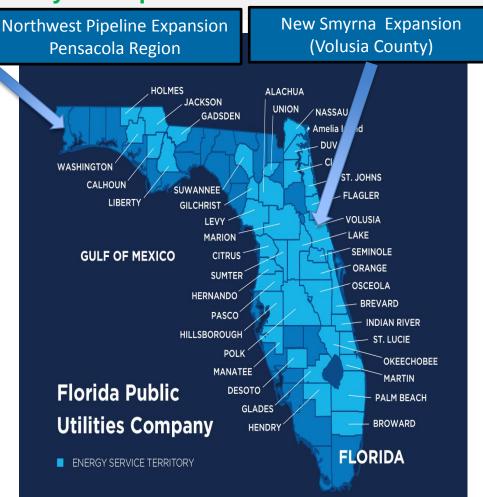
• \$6.5M combined in the first full year of operations

Construction Period:

- Projects moving forward as scheduled
- New Smyrna in service 1Q2018
- Northwest Pipeline in service 2Q2018

Project Descriptions:

- Transmission (33 miles) and distribution (8 miles) of pipeline for Northwest Florida
 - Customer Commitments of 68,500 dts/d, with total capacity of 80,000 dts/d
- Transmission (14 miles) of pipeline for New Smyrna expansion to serve LDC customers





Gross Margin Highlights

Major Projects and Initiatives Summary

Gross Margin for the Period Dollars in thousands Actual **Estimate for** 2016 2017 2018 2019 **Major Projects and Initiatives Completed** Natural Gas Transmission Services \$ Ś 13.269 13.253 \$ 8.701 \$ 8,679 Florida GRIP 11,552 13,727 14,407 15,085 8,960 **Eight Flags CHP** 4,998 8,366 8,706 Settled Delaware Division Rate Case 1,487 2.250 2.250 2,250 **Total Existing Major Projects and Initiatives Completed** \$ 31,306 \$ 37,596 \$ 34,064 Ś 34,974 Future Major Projects and Initiatives 2017 ESNG System Expansion 126 9,313 15,799 Northwest Florida Expansion 5,127 3,484 Othr Florida Pipeline Expansions 2,044 2,542 **Total Future Major Projects and Initiatives** \$ \$ 126 14,841 Ś 23,468 **Total Completed and Future Projects and Initiatives** Ś 31,306 Ś 37,722 48,905 58,442 Ś Three Year Total \land \$27,136 \$11,183 \$9,537 \$6,416

We are focused on developing new growth opportunities that will increase the margin growth beyond 2017.



Consolidated Financial Results

For the periods ended September 30th

For the periods ended September 30,

(in thousands except per share amounts)

	Third Quarter				Year-to-Date		
		2017 2016		2017		2016	
Operating Income							
Regulated Energy segment	\$	15,168	\$	13,115	\$	51,915	\$ 52,660
Unregulated Energy segment		(989)		(3,080)		10,504	9,267
Other businesses and eliminations		60		121		161	350
Total Operating Income		14,239		10,156		62,580	62,277
Other Income (Expenses)		239		(28)		(643)	(68)
Interest Charges		3,321		2,722		9,133	7,996
Income Before Taxes		11,157		7,406		52,804	54,213
Income Taxes		4,324		2,990		20,781	21,401
Net Income	\$	6,833	\$	4,416	\$	32,023	\$ 32,812
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Diluted Earnings Per Share		\$0.42		\$0.29		\$1.96	\$2.14



Third Quarter 2017 Highlights

Regulated Energy operating income growth of \$2.1M, or 16%

Key Drivers:

Increased gross margin of \$1.5M and a decrease in other operating expenses of \$0.5M

- Margin
 - \$1.0M associated with new rates for ESNG
 - \$1.0M from natural gas distribution and transmission growth (including GRIP in Florida)

• Expenses

- \$2.0M in lower benefits and outside services, facilities and maintenance costs
- Offset by: \$1.4M higher depreciation and asset costs associated with recent capital investments

Unregulated Energy operating income growth of \$2.1M, or 68%

Key Drivers:

Increased margin of \$3.1M, offset by a \$1.0M increase in other operating expenses

- Margin
 - \$0.9M in additional margin from increased propane volumes
 - \$0.9M in higher propane margins due to successful supply management, growth in wholesale propane margins and propane service revenues
 - \$0.6M due to customer growth and higher margins for Aspire Energy
 - \$0.3M of additional gross margin from Eight Flags operations
 - \$0.2 in higher margin due to the absence of a loss from Xeron's operations
- Expenses
 - \$1.0M in higher operating expenses related to personnel costs, depreciation and amortization



Reconciliation of Third Quarter Results

Key Variances for the three months ended September 2017 vs. 2016 included:

in thousands except per share data)		Pre-Tax Income		Net Income		Diluted Earnings <u>Per Share</u>	
Third Quarter 2016 Reported Results	\$	7,406	\$	4,416	\$	0.29	
Adjusting for Unusual Items:							
Weather Impact		(333)		(204)	\$	(0.01)	
Absence of Xeron's third quarter 2016 loss		545		334	\$	0.02	
		212		130	\$	0.01	
Other Increased Gross Margins:							
Regulated Energy Segment		1,816		1,113	\$	0.07	
Unregulated Energy Segment		2,429		1,487	\$	0.10	
		4,245		2,600	\$	0.17	
Decreased Other Operating Expenses		768		470	\$	0.03	
Increased Depreciation, Asset Removal and Property Taxes		(1,710)		(1,047)	\$	(0.07)	
Increased shares outstanding		-		-	\$	(0.02)	
Net other changes and expenses		236		264	\$	0.01	
Third Quarter 2017 Reported Results	\$	11,157	\$	6,833	\$	0.42	



Unregulated Energy Operations Strong Performance in 3rd Qtr. 2017

Propane Prices and Supply Management Strategies:

- Propane margin increased by \$1.8M during the 3rd Quarter of 2017:
 - Increased volume
- + \$0.9M
- Improved margin
- + \$0.7M

Service revenue

- + \$0.2M
- Retail and wholesale propane margins improved due to effective supply management strategies
- Retail volumes increased due to growth in customers served and the timing of deliveries in advance Florida because of Hurricane Irma
- Higher service revenue and wholesale volumes reflect successful marketing efforts by Sharp and FPU
- Propane margin increased by \$1.1M during the first nine months of 2017:
 - Increased volume
- + \$0.1M
- Improved margin

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- Service revenue
- + \$0.8M
- + \$0.2XM

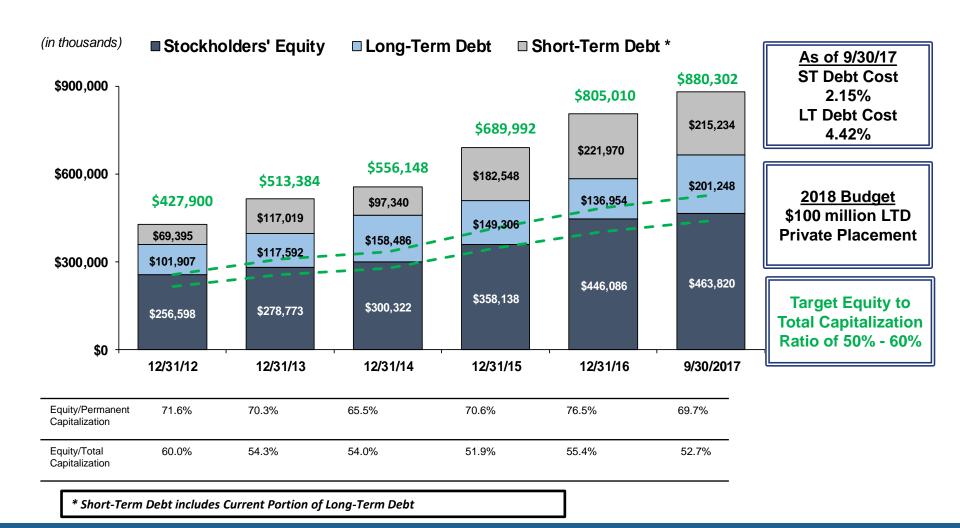
Improved YTD Margin from Natural Gas Supply Opportunities:

- PESCO contributed a gross margin increase of • \$1.8 million
 - Increase in the number of contracts and • customers served
 - Additional associated with revenue • serving as asset manager/supplier of several LDCs
- Aspire Energy contributed a gross margin increase of \$1.1 million
 - Customer growth of \$0.4M •
 - Increased margins of \$1.1 M •
 - Offset by warmer weather of \$0.4M •



Total Capitalization

Strong Balance Sheet to Support Growth



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Continuing to Build for the Future

2017 Forecasted Capital Expenditures of \$215 million

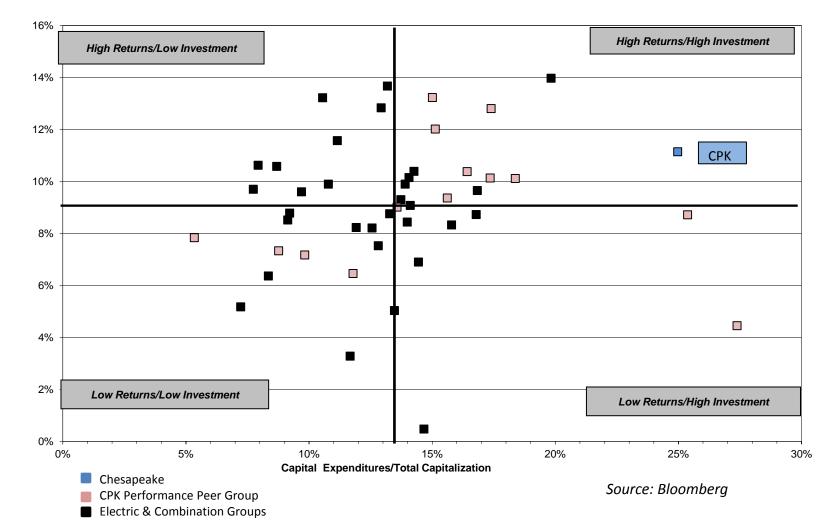
\$ thousands	2017 Forecasted Capital Expenditures
\$93,737	Natural Gas Transmission
87,539	Natural Gas and Electric Distribution
26,875	Unregulated Energy
<u> </u>	Corporate / Other
<u>\$214,658</u>	Total Forecasted Capital Spending

Year-to-date investing activities totaled \$141.5 million



Performance Quadrant Peer ROE vs. Capital Expenditures 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2017

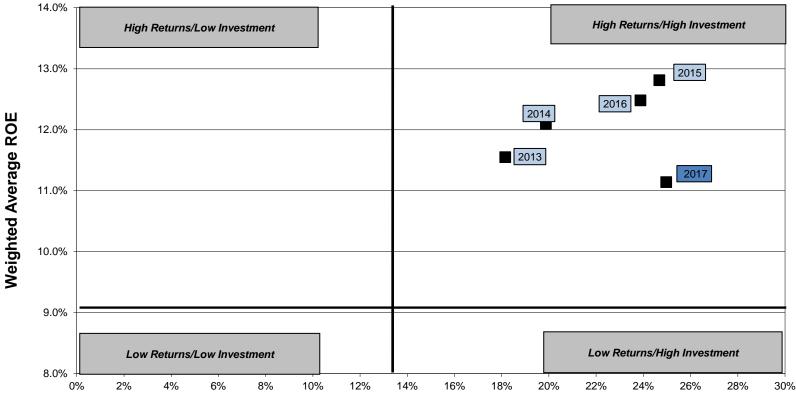
	<u>Cap Ex</u>	<u>ROE</u>
СРК	24.97%	11.14%
Median	13.47%	9.07%
75 th Percentile	15.49%	10.38%



Weighted Average ROE







Capital Expenditures/Total Capitalization

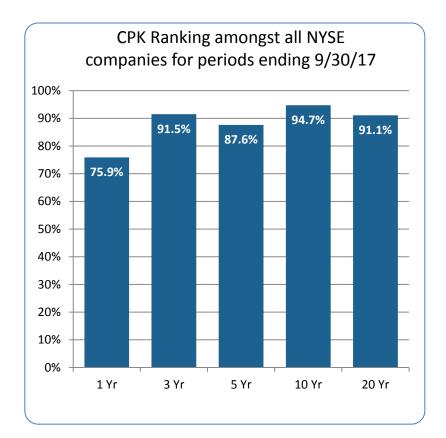
Note: Cross hairs are Peer Medians for 3 year period ending June 30, 2017

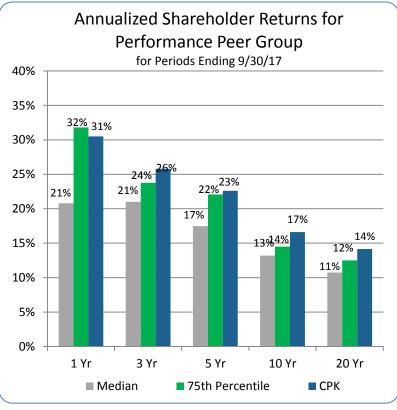


Shareholder Return

Comparison to Broader Market – NYSE Companies

Chesapeake's compound annual return has exceeded 14% for all periods shown.
Total return relative to the broad market has been in the top quartile of all NYSE companies also for all periods shown.





Source: Bloomberg



Approach to Reaching New Heights Strategic Platform for Sustainable Growth



Developing New Business Opportunities and Executing Existing Business Unit Growth

Results

- Safety Awards
- Top Workplace for Six Years and Top Leadership Awards
- Community Service Awards
- Other Recognition across the Organization
- Achieving sustainable strong growth in earnings
- Achieving top quartile Total Shareholder Return

Maximize Growth in Existing Footprint and Expand Into New Territories

- Maximize organic growth in existing geographic footprint
- Expand into new geographic areas
- Develop additional growth across business units

Engagement Strategies

- Engaged Employees
- Unified Brand Strategy
- Engaging Customers
- Engaging with Communities
- Strategic Thinking

Engagement Strategies Provide the Strategic Infrastructure for Sustainable Growth



Thank You



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